

Policy Position on rural/regional student representation in Medical School

Medical Deans acknowledges the current disparities in health care outcomes and health workforce distribution for rural and regional Australians.

Medical Deans will continue to advocate for improvements in rural and regional health and support for children/youth in these areas to aspire to and receive the quality education required to enter a medical degree should they choose.

We will also support the continued development of a strong evidence based approach to policy development in this area. In particular, we support the ongoing examination of effective measures that build a strong and sustainable rural and regional health workforce at all stages of the medical education and training continuum: selection, undergraduate and postgraduate training and continuing medical education.

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