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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **ABC Online** reports that both major parties have taken steps to distance themselves from the abortion debate at the federal level, with Health Minister Mark Butler ruling out a return to Labor's previous policy of tying hospital funding to abortion availability, and opposition leader Peter Dutton reiterating his support for a woman's right to choose. *Also reported by: [Canberra Times](#)*
- **ABC Online** reports that Health Minister Mark Butler yesterday announced the government's new education initiative aimed at informing young high-school students about the health risks of vaping as new data suggests that up to 30 per cent of teenagers have tried vaping at least once. Mr Butler called the campaign to stamp out recreational vaping a "long, hard road."
- **The West Australian** (page 1) reports that Western Australian Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson has been criticised by the mother of a toddler who died after being incorrectly administered an anti-seizure drug for refusing to answer questions in parliament regarding the impact that hospital resourcing may have had on the child's death.
- **The Sydney Morning Herald** (page 4) reports that a Senate inquiry has heard that the Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme has conducted risk assessments on just 423 of the over 12,000 "forever chemicals" present in consumer products, with AICIS director

Graeme Barden unable to provide a timeline for a complete review. *Also reported by:* [Canberra Times](#)

- **[The Newcastle Herald](#)** (page 1) reports that Australia's record whooping cough epidemic, which has surpassed 41,000 cases, has prompted patients and public health experts to urge Australians to update their vaccinations, and especially those of their children.
- **[The Daily Telegraph](#)** (page 4) reports that an investigation conducted in the wake of schoolgirl Charlotte O'Brien's suicide earlier this year has revealed widespread failures of schools to adequately address serious bullying and prevent the growing number of youth suicides.
- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (page 4) reports that new research from the University of Queensland suggests that subsidising the genetic testing of close relatives of men with prostate cancer would "amplify health benefits" by improving early detection of DNA mutations and allowing for preventive action.
- **[The Adelaide Advertiser](#)** (page 6) reports that 86-year-old Cyril Tooze, who made headlines after turning to voluntary assisted dying when he was unable to receive the in-home care package he'd been approved for, has died. Aged Care Minister Anika Wells praised Mr. Tooze's "commitment to helping older Australians" and said that his story had driven the government to pursue its reforms of the aged care system.
- **[The Courier Mail](#)** (page 7) reports that barely one third of supermarket food items carry Australia's voluntary Health Star Ratings, sparking calls from public health advocates to make the system mandatory.
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Mum's plea for parents to protect babies

Daily Advertiser, General News, 14/11/2024, Finn Coleman, Page 4

A Wagga mum hopes local parents will take the opportunity to protect their child from a "scary disease" through a new vaccination program. [...] Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler said almost all infants will get RSV in their first two years, and the program aimed to reduce the impact of RSV on babies.

Also reported by: [Leeton Irrigator \(Online\)](#).

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Major parties move to avoid an election debate about abortion, as the Greens pledge more funding for services

ABC Online, Other, 13/11/2024, Maani Truu

Health Minister Mark Butler has ruled out revisiting a 2019 Labor policy that would have linked federal funding for public hospitals to the provision of abortion services. The major parties have both moved to shut down a national debate over abortion, insisting that it is a matter for the states and territories.

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Murray Pioneer, Other, 13/11/2024

A recent survey of pharmacies across South Australia highlights the failure of the new regulations intended to make low-nicotine vapes (20mg/mL nicotine) available without a prescription as Schedule 3 medicines. Despite promises from Health Minister Mark Butler, the survey of 65 pharmacies revealed that 97 per cent did not have vapes available for walk-in customers without a prescription.

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Federal Health Minister to attend GP24

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 13/11/2024, Chelsea Heaney

The RACGP says Mark Butler's attendance at its annual conference in Perth 'reflects the critical role of general practice in helping Australians'. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has confirmed his attendance for the GP24 conference.

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Medical abortion safe without ultrasound in some cases

The Medical Republic, Other, 13/11/2024, Holly Payne

Removing the need for imaging in limited scenarios could help clear Australia's abortion deserts. [...] On Wednesday, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler ruled out linking federal funding for public hospitals to the provision of abortion services.

ABC News, ABC News Tonight, 13/11/2024, Yvonne Yong

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has ruled out making federal funding for public hospitals conditional on providing abortion access. That's after the ABC found an email appearing to show that another regional New South Wales hospital has implemented a formal ban.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 13/11/2024, Alicia Loxley & Tom Steinfort

Students are the target of the Federal Government's new Anti-vaping campaign. Thousands of schools will show year seven and year eight children online modules designed to educate young people about the harms and also how to say no.

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4BC, Breakfast , 13/11/2024, Peter Fegan

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler. Compere points out that the Albanese Government is doing everything it can to stop vaping as it heavily affects the youth. Butler admits that the rise of vaping came out of nowhere and exploded over four to five years ago. He states that they have learned earlier on upon investigating vapes is that they are products that are targeting kids.

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ABC Radio Melbourne, Drive, 13/11/2024, Ali Moore

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler. Butler recalls his time as a junior Minister during the Gillard Government wherein they helped established the Plain Packaging Laws for cigarettes. He states that they've had to face through lots of global courts to get it through.

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ABC Radio Melbourne, 13:00 News, 13/11/2024

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has dismissed making Federal Funding for hospitals conditional on giving abortion access as the Greens advocate for abortion on the federal election agenda. It comes as Labor vowed the Commonwealth State Hospital Funding Agreements would require termination services to be provided consistently in 2019.

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ABC Radio Melbourne, 11:00 News, 13/11/2024

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has unveiled a new anti-vaping program will be introduced to high schools. The project will start next year and will target Grade 7 and 8 students. Butler says it will include ways to resist peer pressure on vaping.

Also reported by: [Triple J \(Sydney\)](#), [ABC Radio Perth \(Perth\)](#), [FIVEAA \(Adelaide\)](#).

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MINISTER WELLS

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

More support

Port Pirie Recorder, General News, 14/11/2024, Neralie Bailey, Page 1

The community is now able to access free, walk-in mental health support at a safe and welcoming new service from the end of the year thanks to funding from Country SA Primary Health Network (PHN). [...] Minister Picton, representing Federal Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride, thanked Mr Brock for his advocacy in the community around mental health and suicide prevention.

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Latest government health workforce audit shows continuing disparities in rural healthcare delivery

The Australian Independent Media Network, Other, 13/11/2024

The recently released audit of the Australian health and medical research workforce by the Department of Health and Aged Care throws light on the importance of supporting rural, regional and remote health workforce and researchers through strategic and targeted measures to ensure rural Australians enjoy the same health benefits as their city counterparts.

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'One year ahead of schedule', says ADHA on interoperability plan

The Medical Republic, Other, 13/11/2024, Laura Woodrow

The Australian Digital Health Agency says it is running "close to one year ahead of plan" as it continues to roll out its interoperability plan, due to be completed by 2028. [...] "The Sparked FHIR Accelerator program, a cooperative between the Agency, CSIRO, HL7 Australia and the Department of Health and Aged Care, has continued work to develop release 2 of the Australian Core Data for Interoperability and progress other work streams including eRequesting," reads the report.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Footage reveals nan's fatal moments

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Sarah McPhee, Page 11

The nurse who called triple zero about Clare Nowland, who was wandering around a NSW nursing home with knives, has told a court she had "never seen anything" like it when a police officer aimed a Taser at the 95-year-old, and was "very concerned" as the greatgrandmother fell to the ground. The NSW Supreme Court released CCTV yesterday of Nowland's final moments inside Cooma's Yallambee Lodge on May 17, 2023, before she was Tasered by Senior Constable Kristian James Samuel White.

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Gran, 95, posed a 'threat' to cops

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/11/2024, Adelaide Lang, Page 10

Senior Constable Kristian White recorded in an incident report that he deployed his Taser at a great-grandmother due to an "imminent threat", a court has been told. Clare Nowland, 95, sustained fatal injuries when White fired his Taser at her chest in her Cooma nursing home in May last year.

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EQT's Metlifecare drawing interest from at least one buyer

The Australian, Other, 13/11/2024, Bridget Carter

Aveo and Opal are not the only sale processes ramping up in the retirement and aged care sector, with sources suggesting at least one buyer is circling Metlifecare. Private equity firm EQT owns the business and has hired Macquarie Capital to find a buyer for at least a 25 per cent stake.

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Cop's trial continues after jury watches tasing of 95-year-old

9News, Other, 13/11/2024, Miklos Bolza

A manslaughter trial against a New South Wales police officer who tasered an aged-care resident armed with a knife will continue after a dramatic day where footage of the shocking incident was played in court. Senior Constable Kristian James Samuel White shot his stun gun at great-grandmother Clare Nowland at the Yallabee Lodge aged-care home in the southern NSW town of Cooma in the early hours of May 17, 2023.

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Nurse at rest home where Clare Nowland was tasered had 'never seen anything like that', court hears

The Guardian, Other, 13/11/2024, Jordyn Beazley

A nurse who witnessed a police officer pulling a Taser on a 95-year-old nursing home resident said she had "never seen anything like that" and at first thought it was a torch. Sen Const Kristian James Samuel White is on trial accused of the manslaughter of Clare Nowland, who died in May 2023 after being tasered.

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Nurse's alarm as cop tasered 95-year-old great-gran

Newcastle Herald, Other, 13/11/2024, Miklos Bolza

A registered nurse working night-shift at a nursing home when a police officer tasered a resident has said she was "very, very concerned" when the weapon was used on the woman. Senior Constable Kristian James Samuel White shot his stun gun at great-grandmother Clare Nowland at Yallabee Lodge in the southern NSW town of Cooma in the early hours of May 17, 2023.

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New arthritis advocacy body announced

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 13/11/2024, Natasha Egan

The Arthritis Movement aims to deliver enhanced services and stronger advocacy for people living with arthritis including aged care recipients. A new alliance advocating for people with arthritis has its sights set on stronger engagement with the aged care sector.

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Grandfriends program making aged care connections

Australian Seniors News, Other, 13/11/2024

A 'Grandfriends' program creating one-on-one connections between aged care residents and employees is boosting wellbeing for residents at Bolton Clarke's Darlington home at Banora Point in the Northern Rivers region of NSW. The initiative has paired all 90 of the home's residents with a team member who is their nominated 'Grandfriend', spending time getting to know them and providing a single point of contact to understand individual needs.

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Breaking down the door: the case for abandoning memory support units in aged care

HelloCare, Other, 13/11/2024, Jakob Neeland

Is it fair to segregate the most vulnerable simply because their distress disrupts others? If so, at what cost does this isolation come? These are questions that many in the aged care sector are beginning to ask, particularly when it comes to the practice of locking residents with dementia in Memory Support Units (MSUs).

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POPULATION HEALTH

Zero stars for food ratings

Courier Mail, General News, 14/11/2024, Page 7

Australia's voluntary Health Star Ratings system has flatlined, with food makers accused of being "highly selective" about carrying it. Leading public health groups claim the optional display is the problem and are calling on food ministers to make it mandatory when they meet on Friday.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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War will stub out retailers

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 14/11/2024, Elizabeth Henson, Page 21

Legitimate South Australian cigarette retailers could soon face annual insurance premium hikes of as much as \$100,000, potentially driving them out of business and further bolstering the stronghold of organised crime gangs on the local illegal market, a peak national retail body warns. Australian Association of Convenience Stores chief executive Theo Foukkare said the ongoing illicit tobacco war being waged across SA could "absolutely" raise yearly insurance premiums by six figures, as cigarette stores increasingly become greater liabilities to insurers.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Cricket great Darren Lehmann speaks out on health program to help save lives

7news.com.au, Other, 13/11/2024

Former Australian Test cricketer and coach Darren Lehmann is speaking out about a program he says gave him his life back after a major heart attack. Lehmann says Aussie men aren't proactive enough about their health and wants the recovery steps he took to be mandatory.

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New laws require tobacco companies to print grim health warnings on individual cigarettes to make habit less appealing

Sky News Australia, Other, 13/11/2024, Amy Roulston

Tobacco manufacturers face a tight deadline to implement new health warnings on tobacco products sold in Australia, raising concerns that legal tobacco sales could be disrupted, pushing smokers towards the illegal market. Health warnings will be required to be printed on each individual cigarette sold in Australia under new laws aimed at reducing the appeal of smoking.

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Queensland drug laws have diverted thousands from the criminal justice system, but the LNP plans to axe the measures

ABC Online, Other, 13/11/2024, Claudia Williams & Emma Pollard

Queensland's new premier has confirmed the LNP will repeal drug laws that are diverting thousands of

people from the criminal justice system and have the support of police and doctors. State parliament passed the reforms last year , meaning anyone caught carrying small quantities of illicit substances such as heroin, cocaine or ice is given three chances before facing a criminal charge.

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Hobart, Darwin and Canberra ranked among top 10 global cities with lowest air pollution

The Guardian, Other, 14/11/2024, Petra Stock

Three Australian cities are among the top 10 global cities with the lowest levels of air pollution, according to analysis of nearly 400 cities worldwide. Hobart (third), Darwin (fourth) and Canberra (10th) topped the list, based on air pollution data analysed by Auto Trader, an online vehicle trading site.

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Teen vaping is linked to trauma. Here's why it might be harder to quit

Canberra Times, Other, 13/11/2024, Siobhan O Dean, Lauren Gardner & Amy-Leigh Rowe

If you experience trauma during childhood, there's a greater chance you'll use substances such as alcohol tobacco and other drugs later. But what does the evidence say about vapes? [...] Those who'd had traumatic experiences before the age of 12 were more likely to have tried vaping, vape regularly or intend to in the future.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Simple blood test in new cancer treatment hope

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 14/11/2024, Sarah Booth, Page 11

A simple blood test could soon predict which ovarian cancer patients will stop responding to their treatment, paving the way for better, more targeted therapies. In a world-first finding, Melbourne researchers investigated a major "blind spot" in cancer research and discovered how a common and deadly ovarian cancer notorious for developing treatment-resistance was able to do so.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Kids learn all about journey

Cancer Council Queensland has launched a free new children's book, *When Mitzy the Foggie Got Cancer*. The story, designed by psychologist Joanna Mangan, explains cancer diagnosis, treatments and the toll it can take, in a colourful and childfriendly manner.

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Relief for hay fever, asthma sufferers but the worst not over

Border Mail, General News, 14/11/2024, Ted Howes, Page 5

An air pollution expert keeping tabs on worrying grass pollen counts in the Border region says there will be brief relief for hay fever and asthma sufferers in the next week. But Edwin Lampugnani warned people with sneezes, eye irritation and asthma that pollen counts could still jump unpredictably, at least until Christmas.

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All being well, says diabetes doc

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 14/11/2024, Holly Fishlock, Page 6

This World Diabetes Day, Townsville's own Dr Kenneth Clark isn't just talking the talk he's living with diabetes, and is helping people manage their condition. As a type 1 diabetic himself, the local GP is on a mission to bridge the gap between managing diabetes and living well, helping hundreds of locals take control of their condition.

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Spotlight on prostates

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 14/11/2024, Nikita Mcguire, Page 10

Townsville men are at a higher risk of being diagnosed with prostate cancer compared to the national average, according to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA). With 2400 men in the Townsville region currently living with the disease and 220 new diagnoses this year, the call for local men to prioritise their health is more pressing than ever.

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Could it be perimenopause? The early symptoms women need to look out for

The Courier Mail, Other, 13/11/2024, Dr Sam Hay

20 odd years ago, you just didn't hear the term perimenopause. But now, there's not a day that goes by in my surgery that I don't hear patients discuss it or come in asking for help. The stage refers to the period of time where a woman transitions from regular cycles and their baseline hormonal state to the final menstrual period - 'menopause'.

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Free hearing aid bank offers financial relief to Tasmanians with hearing loss who are ineligible for government assistance

ABC Online, Other, 13/11/2024, Louis Parkinson

For Steve Wright, the anxiety of not being able to hear properly led him to avoid certain social situations.[...] Karen Hirschausen, principal audiologist for Hearing Australia, said there was a gap in subsidised hearing services for that age bracket — except for those who qualify for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

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How to talk about menopause

Prevention, Other, 13/11/2024

It can be difficult to talk to your partner, family and workplace about menopause. Here's how to get the conversation started. Even though all women experience menopause, nearly half (44%) of women don't feel comfortable talking to their employer, a quarter (25%) don't feel comfortable talking to their work colleagues and one in five (22%) don't feel comfortable talking to their children about menopause, according to a 2024 study by Astellas Pharma Australia.

PRIMARY CARE

Nurse and midwife strike cripples public health system

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Angus Thomson, Page 16

The protracted pay dispute between the NSW government and the state's 50,000 nurses and midwives is set to head to arbitration after a statewide strike led to hundreds of planned surgery cancellations and brought the public health system to a standstill. Nurses and midwives marched through Sydney's CBD in their thousands yesterday for the third time in as many months after failing to reach a deal during four weeks of negotiations at the Industrial Relations Commission.

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Women remain at the mercy of abortion's postcode lottery

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Anna Noonan, Page 27

Last Friday, amid the backwash of Donald Trump's re-election, Orange Hospital made national headlines for banning abortion - an executive decision made earlier this year that blindsided the community and clinicians, sparking instant criticism and public outrage. By the same afternoon, NSW Health Minister Ryan Park had publicly instructed the hospital to reinstate the service immediately.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Family fury at baby dragged into fight

West Australian, General News, 14/11/2024, Jerrie Demasi, Page 1

The mother of a Perth toddler who died after she was wrongly administered an antiseizure drug in hospital has slammed Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson. Jess Yugovich said she was disgusted that Ms Sanderson had dismissed questions about her daughter Aliyah's death when asked about it in Parliament.

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Cops probe ambo fraud

Herald Sun, General News, 14/11/2024, Shannon Deery, Page 4

An Ambulance Victoria employee has been referred to police following an investigation over an alleged multimillion-dollar embezzlement. Almost two years after the alleged scam was first reported to Ambulance Victoria executives, police are now formally probing the matter.

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Dutton keen to avoid fight over abortion

Canberra Times, General News, 14/11/2024, Page 22

Opposition Leader Peter Dutton has declared he supports women accessing abortion, as he attempts to prevent the debate from becoming a key federal election issue. His comments came as the Greens announced their own election pledge yesterday, promising an extra \$100 million a year in funding for public hospitals to provide termination services.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Warrnambool\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#).

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Planned surgeries in NSW hospitals cancelled as nurses strike

9News, Other, 13/11/2024, Richard Wood

Hundreds of surgeries in New South Wales will be cancelled today as nurses and midwives hold a 24-hour strike, with only life-preserving care unaffected. The industrial action comes after the state government refused to meet the nursing union's claim for a 15 per cent pay rise, despite a hefty wage offer given to police officers this week.

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Major parties move to avoid an election debate about abortion, as the Greens pledge more funding for services

ABC Online, Other, 13/11/2024, Maani Truu

Health Minister Mark Butler has ruled out revisiting a 2019 Labor policy that would have linked federal funding for public hospitals to the provision of abortion services. The major parties have both moved to shut down a national debate over abortion, insisting that it is a matter for the states and territories.

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Hundreds of elective surgeries cancelled as 50,000 nurses and midwives walk off job in NSW

ABC Online, Other, 13/11/2024, Xanthe Gregory

Hundreds of elective surgeries have been cancelled as up to 50,000 nurses and midwives across NSW have walked off the job, despite promising the state government it would not strike until a pay deal was agreed upon. Nurses and midwives began the 24-hour strike at 6.30am on Wednesday, as they ramp up their fight for a one-off 15 per cent pay rise.

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Jessica has private health insurance – but she will have to drive 150km to the Gold Coast to have her baby delivered privately

The Guardian, Other, 14/11/2024, Natasha May

Despite paying for private health insurance for the last four years, Jessica* has no idea who will deliver her baby. The first-time mother felt assured by the policy's promise of continuity of care and comforted that the doctor who saw her at the beginning of her pregnancy would be there to deliver her baby when her January due date arrived.

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Medical abortion safe without ultrasound in some cases

The Medical Republic, Other, 13/11/2024, Holly Payne

Removing the need for imaging in limited scenarios could help clear Australia's abortion deserts. [...] On Wednesday, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler ruled out linking federal funding for public hospitals to the provision of abortion services.

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ABC, ABC News, 13/11/2024, Lydia Feng

More than 700 planned surgeries have been cancelled today, with the State's nurses walking off the job for another 24-hour strike. The Government is still refusing their demand for a 15% single year pay rise. It says it will only up its offer if nurses trade away conditions.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 13/11/2024, Emma Rebellato & Bridget Brennan

Thousands of nurses and midwives are set to walk off the job this morning, amid a deepening dispute with the NSW.

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Channel 10, The Project, 13/11/2024, Sarah Harris, Waleed Aly & Sam Taunton

Hundreds of elective surgeries have been cancelled as up to 50,000 nurses and midwives walked off the job in NSW. It comes after the NSW Government refused the union's demands for a one off 15% pay rise, offering 3% instead.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 13/11/2024, Natalie Barr & Matt Shirvington

Nurses and midwives have just walked off the job and they're marching on New South Wales Parliament today.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 13/11/2024, Natalie Barr & Matt Shirvington

Interview with Dr Nick Yim, AMA Qld President, about the recent pill testing for school leavers in the Gold Coast. Yim points out that he'd like to congratulate all school leavers that have gone through the tough couple of years, but this is a time period in their lives that there's temptation, curiosity, and peer pressure. He states that AMA Qld supports pill testing from that perspective, particularly around illicit substance use.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

We need to stop bullying scourge

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/11/2024, Josh Hanrahan & Cydonee Mardon, Page 4

Twelve year old girls are being called monsters, compared to rodents and told to "try harder" to kill themselves in a frightening wave of bullying in schoolyards across the nation. An investigation by the Sunday Telegraph will reveal the shocking death of Sydney schoolgirl Charlotte O'Brien this year was unfortunately far from an isolated case - the problem of bullying is festering largely under the surface in public, private and Catholic schools around the country.

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Mental health lifeline

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 14/11/2024, Nikita Mcguire, Page 6

A new initiative is bringing together the North Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) and 17 other service providers to offer more diverse and flexible mental health support for people in need. Unveiled on Wednesday, the program called MyndKind is a free mental health service funded by the Department of Health and Aged Care through NQPHN.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#).

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Kahi Simon's mum says his death reveals gaps in mental health system

ABC Online, Other, 13/11/2024, Keely Johnson

Newcastle woman Kelly Kay has experienced every parent's worst nightmare. In October last year, her "kind and creative" 20-year-old son Kahi Simon took his own life. It happened days after he was discharged from Taree Hospital's mental health unit, where he was admitted after an earlier suicide attempt.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Why nurses might quit state of origin

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Alexandra Smith, Page 27

Colette Duff is angry and ready to quit her job. Duff, a registered nurse with 30 years' experience, works in the emergency department of Sutherland Hospital. [...] What really irks Duff is a first-year nurse north of the border earns more.

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Nurses walk off the job

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/11/2024, Page 11

More than 50,000 nurses and midwives walked off the job as part of a 24-hour strike as pay disputes mount. The NSW Nurses and Midwives Association took the action from 7am yesterday as they called for a 15 per cent wage increase and safer working conditions.

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Paramedics receive new powers

Herald Sun, General News, 14/11/2024, Page 22

New laws that would allow paramedics to prescribe medications on the spot and treat a number of conditions without a doctor are one step closer. The state government introduced a bill to parliament to create the first "paramedic practitioners" in the country.

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Nurses won't cop it

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 14/11/2024, Nadine Morton, Page 1

A pay rise for police over nurses and midwives was a "slap in the face" for dedicated health professionals, Wollongong nurse Bianca Vergouw says. She's among hundreds of nurses and midwives who walked off the job at Wollongong Hospital to strike for 24 hours yesterday.

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Beyond breaking point

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 14/11/2024, Jonathan Hawes, Page 1

Whistleblowers are sounding the alarm on staffing shortages in Tamworth hospital's maternity unit, which they say are putting lives at risk. For months, the Leader has been reporting on the unit turning away complicated pregnancies due to the lack of staff, reducing capacity from 20 beds to 12 and putting midwives on double shifts to cover the gaps.

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Nurses 'incensed' at police pay deal

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 2

Hundreds of Hunter nurses and midwives joined a huge rally in Sydney yesterday to renew calls for a one-year 15 per cent pay rise. The rally was part of a 24-hour statewide strike over the NSW government's "appalling disrespect for nurses and midwives".

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Paramedics to dye hair over 'draconian' uniform policy

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 5

Hunter paramedic Natasha Whiteley says she felt attacked when NSW Ambulance management made her change her hair colour. Colleagues will colour their hair today to show solidarity with Ms Whiteley, after she was disciplined for dyeing her hair red in September.

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Nurses want MP to fight on their behalf

Border Mail, General News, 14/11/2024, Layton Holley, Page 3

Albury nurses have once again walked off the job, protesting what they consider unfair wages and

working conditions - though the turnout was much lower than in previous rallies. Five union members gathered outside the office of Albury MP Justin Clancy yesterday, urging him to advocate more strongly on their behalf.

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Nurses took to the streets after 'insulting' pay offer. Next stop, court

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 13/11/2024, Max Maddison, Angus Thomson & Matt O Sullivan

The protracted pay dispute between the NSW government and the state's 50,000 nurses and midwives is set to head to arbitration after a statewide strike led to hundreds of planned surgery cancellations and brought the public health system to a standstill. Nurses and midwives marched through Sydney's CBD in their thousands on Wednesday for the third time in as many months after failing to reach a deal during four weeks of negotiations at the Industrial Relations Commission.

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Nurse's heartfelt apology to daughter for encouraging her career choice

Canberra Times, Other, 13/11/2024, Kate McIlwain

Emergency department nurse Jamie Roberts is proud of her profession, but she apologised to her daughter this week as she finished her nursing degree. "My daughter did her last exam at university for nursing today, and now she will be the lowest paid in the country," the Wollongong Hospital branch secretary of the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association said.

Also reported by: [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Nurses strike, reject staff ratio delay to fund wages

Canberra Times, Other, 13/11/2024, Jack Gramenz

Striking nurses have rejected an offer to fund their requested pay rise in return for delaying the rollout of their "big ask" for more staff, NSW's health minister says. Hundreds of surgeries are expected to be postponed as more than 50,000 nurses and midwives agitate for better pay.

Also reported by: [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Northern NSW nurses and midwives launch mass strike action

Lismore Northern Star, Other, 13/11/2024, Savannah Pocock, Sam Stolz, Toni Moon & Catherine Piltz

Northern New South Wales nurses and midwives have vowed they won't give up on better pay and working conditions as they took to the streets joining thousands of others in a statewide strike on Wednesday. NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association (NSWNMA) members launched the strike action for 24 hours from the start of Wednesday's morning shift.

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'Pay me like a cop': Australia's lowest-paid nurses are striking over 'gendered' wage issue

SBS, Other, 13/11/2024, Gabrielle Katanasho

Thousands of nurses and midwives in NSW have walked off the job over stalled pay negotiations with the state government — in what unions and some experts say is a gender-based issue. Up to 10,000 nurses and midwives are striking in NSW over being the lowest paid in the country, with a labour market expert saying stalled negotiations on part of the state government tells of "a gender issue".

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Sound of silkworms

West Australian, General News, 14/11/2024, Claire Sadler, Page 18

West Australians with hearing loss and pain because of chronic ruptured eardrums are a step closer to being able to try a world-first prosthetic. The synthetic eardrum, invented by WA professor Marcus Atlas, is made out of silk from silkworms and is a major advancement in the treatment of chronic ear conditions which impact millions.

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Five ASX healthcare companies poised for game-changing catalysts

The Australian, Other, 13/11/2024, Nadine Mcgrath

Several ASX healthcare companies have upcoming catalysts, which can be a focal point for healthcare investors. [...] Presenting both risk and opportunity, these catalysts often come in the form of regulatory approvals, clinical trial results or strategic partnerships, each of which can signal a shift in a company's growth and financial prospects.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#)

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MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

Private health insurers offering telehealth: A risk to Medicare?

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 13/11/2024, Nathan Kettlewell

As more private health insurers offer digital GP consults, what does this mean for Medicare and primary care services? Better access to GP care can improve people's health and reduce their chance of needing to be hospitalised

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'One year ahead of schedule', says ADHA on interoperability plan

The Medical Republic, Other, 13/11/2024, Laura Woodrow

The Australian Digital Health Agency says it is running "close to one year ahead of plan" as it continues to roll out its interoperability plan, due to be completed by 2028. [...] "The Sparked FHIR Accelerator program, a cooperative between the Agency, CSIRO, HL7 Australia and the Department of Health and Aged Care, has continued work to develop release 2 of the Australian Core Data for Interoperability and progress other work streams including eRequesting," reads the report.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Findings of inappropriate surgery against plastic surgeon

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 14/11/2024, Natalie Croxon, Page 3

A plastic surgeon who practised in Wollongong removed too much tissue from one patient's arm, performed a breast reduction on a woman just four months after she'd given birth, and failed to explain complications to another who lost her nipples as a result of surgery. The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) is hearing evidence this week to decide orders against Dr Mahyar Amjadi, who was found guilty of professional misconduct and unsatisfactory professional conduct regarding six patients.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#)

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Complaints against doctors grow by 13% in a year: AHPRA

Australian Doctor, Other, 13/11/2024, Ciara Seccombe

More than 8400 doctors faced a complaint last financial year. Complaints about doctors reached an all-time high of 11,207 last financial year, a 12.8% increase from the previous 12 months, AHPRA's annual report has revealed.

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Notifications on the rise

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 13/11/2024

The Pharmacy Board of Australia reveals notifications made about pharmacists were up in the 2023/24 year compared to the previous year. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) report noted a total of 939 notifications were made about 661 pharmacists nationwide.

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AHPRA notifications rise by 14.2%

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 13/11/2024, Michelle Wisbey

The medical watchdog's annual report reveals 5.9% of medical practitioners received a notification last year, with clinical care the most common complaint. [...] That is according to the 2023–24 Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) annual report , released on Wednesday.

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

Testing women to save the men

Courier Mail, General News, 14/11/2024, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 4

Queensland scientists have discovered the critical role of genetically testing the close family members of men with prostate cancer and that includes women. Genetic mutations can be passed on from fathers to daughters and testing can determine not only the risks of prostate cancer but breast and ovarian.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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SPORT

Investment fund set up to boost rugby

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Jonathan Drennan, Page 20

Wealthy Australian rugby supporters have launched an investment fund to help finance the game, with leading fund manager Geoff Wilson saying it's the first of its kind in sport and could eventually reach \$1 billion. The Rugby Future Fund has leveraged the code's powerful network from the business world to bring in some of Australia's top fund managers who will forgo part or all of their management fees to help generate capital after RA reported a loss of \$9.2 million for 2023.

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Why the AFL draft needs an overhaul to a two-tier system

Age, Sport, 14/11/2024, Michael Gleeson, Page 43

Before they receive their ATAR scores, hundreds of young footballers' futures will already be decided. Next week's national draft will decide the immediate futures of these schoolboys who are barely men. [...] Overwhelmingly, the teenagers are not physically, emotionally or mentally ready for the pervasive intensity of the game.

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16-point plan to aid Games

Courier Mail, General News, 14/11/2024, Brendan O'Malley, Page 20

A trip to the Paris Olympics and Paralympics has provided Brisbane City Council with a four-page report of suggestions for our Games and a bill for \$42,600. Deputy Mayor Krista Adams this week tabled a report on the trip from July 22 to August 4, which included her expenses of \$16,300.

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Time to draw a line in the sand on abuse

Border Mail, General News, 14/11/2024, Page 18

There is no excuse for it. To use platforms such as X and Instagram to hurl abuse at professional sports teams and players when their output does not go the way you desire. No matter how passionate of a supporter you are, or how much money you may have lost after being sucked in by those gambling ads that dominate the broadcast you have just watched, it is unacceptable behaviour.

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City won't host Asian Cup games

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Renee Valentine, Page 25

Newcastle will not be a host venue for the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup but the city is positioning itself for Rugby World Cup inclusion. The city has been a leading supporter of major women's sporting events and former lord mayor Nuatali Nelmes previously expressed Newcastle's interest in the Asian tournament.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Is the country regulating itself out of the tech-driven future?

Australian Financial Review, General News, 14/11/2024, Rohan Silva, Page 35

The Brits have been better than us at confronting the choice between two worthy goals of public safety and growth. My Australian wife started an arts festival in a far-flung corner of London a few years back.

Also reported by: [Australian Financial Review \(Online\)](#).

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Unlock wisdom of the ages

Cairns Post, General News, 14/11/2024, Dylan Nicholson, Page 3

A major new national research centre has launched in Cairns which aims to set new standards for research and management of land and sea country across Australia and delve into untapped Indigenous knowledge potential. The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Indigenous and Environmental Histories and Futures will be officially launched on Thursday at James Cook University's Nguma-bada campus in Smithfield.

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\$1m for UOW's cutting-edge research

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 14/11/2024, Page 3

The University of Wollongong's research team has been awarded almost \$1 million to continue their studies into the insidious motor neurone disease. The funding will continue the work of the team headed up by Professor Heath Ecroyd.

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Clinical brain cancer trial 'needs money'

Launceston Examiner, General News, 14/11/2024, Duncan Bailey, Page 6

Launceston local and Australian of the Year Richard Scolyer didn't expect to be alive when his new memoir Brainstorm launched. But 18 months after being given a terminal brain cancer diagnosis, Dr

Scolyer returned to Launceston to launch the book and deliver a public lecture to a crowd of 250 at the Tailrace Centre.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Indigenous eye health in focus

Shepparton News, General News, 14/11/2024, Page 4

Bupa has partnered with a Yorta Yorta artist to launch a limited-edition glasses range. Mooroopna-born artist Chloe Jones' new collection aims to raise awareness and funds for eye health issues affecting First Nations people.

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Balgo Health Clinic limited, grocery store closes due to public fighting

West Australian, Other, 13/11/2024, Sarah Crawford

Workers in a remote East Kimberley community were told police and health workers would struggle to assist them after large-scale family feuding broke out at the weekend. [...] An email from police was sent out advising that Balgo Health Clinic would only deal with life-threatening cases, and only if staff's safety was not compromised. However the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service which runs the clinic said this information was incorrect and the clinic was operating as normal.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Long wait to get back in saddle

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Damon Cronshaw, Page 1

Heidi Duckworth is one of thousands who have been knocked about by whooping cough this year, with the Hunter Region facing its highest number of cases on record. Ms Duckworth says it has been 10 weeks since she has been well enough to exercise or ride her horse after contracting the virus at the end of winter.

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Meningococcal case found in NW

Burnie Advocate, General News, 14/11/2024, Page 2

A woman from Tasmania's North-West has become the first meningococcal case detected in the state this year. The Department of Health has issued a vaccination reminder saying the rare but serious infection can develop quickly and be fatal.

Also reported by: [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#)

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Mum's plea for parents to protect babies

Daily Advertiser, General News, 14/11/2024, Finn Coleman, Page 4

A Wagga mum hopes local parents will take the opportunity to protect their child from a "scary disease" through a new vaccination program. [...] Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler said almost all infants will get RSV in their first two years, and the program aimed to reduce the impact of RSV on babies.

Also reported by: [Leeton Irrigator \(Online\)](#)

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NSW funds RSV jab scheme with \$16m injection

The Australian, Other, 13/11/2024, Blair Jackson

The NSW government will spend \$16m for a free vaccination scheme to combat respiratory syncytial virus in babies, starting next year. Respiratory syncytial virus – or RSV – infects up to 90 per cent of children under the age of two.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Benign antibiotic creating 'almost untreatable superbug' through cross-resistance

Australian Doctor, Other, 13/11/2024, Rachel Fieldhouse

Research shows that rifaximin use is leading to resistance in an unrelated drug. Prophylactic use of the antibiotic rifaximin is fuelling a dangerous, multidrug-resistant pathogen, Australian scientists say.

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Government-funded RSV vaccines to protect infants from severe disease

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 13/11/2024, Chloe Hava

With cases of Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) spiking this year, the federal government announced yesterday (10 November) that free vaccination would be offered to eligible pregnant people and babies before the 2025 winter season, the RSV vaccine will be available under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for all people in the third trimester of pregnancy via the Australian Infant RSV Immunisation Program.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Health Check: Could the White House be about to welcome LSD and magic mushrooms into the Oval Office?

The Australian, Other, 13/11/2024, Tim Boreham

The Trump administration is expected to liberalise research into psychedelic-assisted therapies – and Emyria investors have taken note. [...] The psilocybin program remains subject to local Therapeutic Goods Administration consent.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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'Ozempic alternatives' are everywhere. Here's what you should know

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 13/11/2024, Lauren Ironmonger

Drugs such as Ozempic have had a big impact on the weight-loss industry. [...] However, the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Australia's regulatory authority for medicines, has warned many of these copycat supplements are not TGA-approved.

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Do not supply Phenergan to children under 6, manufacturer warns

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 13/11/2024, Chloe Hava

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has worked with Phenergan manufacturer Sanofi to develop a new contraindication for the medicine in children under 6. The decision to restrict use of the medicine in this age cohort – commonly used to treat allergies, travel sickness and nausea – is based on a thorough evaluation of new scientific evidence that the risks outweigh the benefits, a spokesperson for Sanofi told Australian Pharmacist

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Puro's new deal

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 13/11/2024

Heyday Medical has introduced Kakariki Koha, a premium medicinal cannabis product from New Zealand's largest grower, Puro, to the Australian market this week. The new distribution deal aims to enhance the availability of high-quality therapeutic cannabis products to treat conditions such as chronic pain and anxiety.

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FOOD STANDARDS

What fizzy drinks really do to your body – and the worst ones for you

Australian Financial Review, Other, 13/11/2024, Sue Quinn

Coca-Cola contains almost 35 grams of (added) sugar in a 330ml can – almost nine teaspoons. A 500ml can of Monster Energy Drink weighs in at a tooth-aching 55 grams of sugar – almost 14 teaspoons.

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AICIS

Call to reveal products with 'forever chemicals'

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 14/11/2024, Carrie Fellner, Page 4

Experts say companies should be forced to give up information about which consumer products contain forever chemicals as an inquiry heard Australia is at risk of becoming a dumping ground as other countries ban all goods containing the cancer-linked materials. [...] Asked how long it would take to assess all the chemicals, Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme executive director Graeme Barden could not answer.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Dozens of 'forever chemicals' yet to be assessed

Canberra Times, Other, 13/11/2024, Andrew Brown

Almost one-in-five "forever chemicals" have yet to be assessed by the federal government's industrial chemical regulator, an inquiry has been told. [...] The Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme told the inquiry 423 of the 522 PFAS chemicals in its inventory, or 81 per cent, had been assessed.

Also reported by: [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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