

Dear resident,

My name is Dr Sandy Donald. I am a doctor with decades of experience in the public health system. I have seen significant change over the time I have worked in public health, and unfortunately not all of it is good.

Over the past few years there have been serious challenges faced by our whole health system. **There have been an increasing number of people coming to the hospital where I work, who are sicker and more in need of more complex care than ever before.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on our health, and our health system – **but it has just exacerbated the issues that were already present.**

In our communities, we need health care that looks after us at every stage of life, and every stage of illness. **One of the most serious problems we are facing is that people like you can't get in to see a GP, or the GP is so expensive** you have to budget for it. This means people like you are putting off seeing a doctor until you can't avoid it.

There are increasing numbers of people who need ongoing care who are not able to receive the help they need – particularly disabled people, older people and people seeking mental health treatment.

I believe that every Queenslander should receive the health care they need, regardless of where they live or how much money they earn.

Scott Morrison's spending on health care has not kept up with need or cost, especially while those vital community and support services like the NDIS and Aged Care are struggling. **He won't commit to properly funding public hospitals, or raising the Medicare rebate so more patients can access a bulk billed GP.** He has no plan for the shortage of doctors, nurses, and allied health practitioners. He thinks the healthcare system is working perfectly.

That's why I am urging you to think about health care when you vote in this Federal Election. **Think about Medicare, think about public hospitals and think about your community.**

This election, put the LNP last.

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