

## Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP

Member for Stuart

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### Regional health low priority for Labor Government

After a 20 month wait the Weatherill Labor Government has decided to further postpone the investigation into the delivery of health services in regional South Australia by Parliament's Social Development Committee.

At the request of the Member for Stuart, Dan van Holst Pellekaan, the Hon. Michelle Lensink MLC moved a motion in the Upper House seeking an investigation into the delivery of Country Health Services.

The motion to have an inquiry was supported by the Legislative Council on 6 April 2011.

"We have been waiting patiently since then for the Social Development Committee to investigate the delivery of health services in regional areas and the decision to postpone this investigation is disgraceful," Mr van Holst Pellekaan said.

"It is extremely disappointing that the Weatherill Labor Government treats the delivery of health services in regional South Australia as such a low priority.

"Every month that goes by has an impact upon the health of people living and working in regional South Australia.

"Providing health services in the regions is one of the most important responsibilities for the Government and it's important that they get it right as soon as possible."