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Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP

Member for Stuart

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Liberals move for Inquiry into country health

Both country and city based South Australian Liberal MP's have unanimously supported a move by the Member for Stuart Dan van Holst Pellekaan to seek to establish a Parliamentary Inquiry into the current and future delivery of health services to people in regional South Australia.

Mr van Holst Pellekaan will ask Parliament's Social Development Committee to investigate and report on the Labor Government's management of Country Health SA and the delivery of health services to people in regional areas of the State.

"There has been a huge public backlash against Labor's plans for country health and it deserves the full scrutiny of the Parliament," Mr van Holst Pellekaan said.

"People living in regional South Australia believe that the Government's consultation process is not genuine and that Country Health SA is in disarray.

"The Labor Government has illustrated its complete disregard for country people and their health by attempting to downgrade local hospitals and removing community involvement by getting rid of local hospital boards.

"The Inquiry will be moved in the Legislative Council by the Hon Michelle Lensink in her capacity as the Upper House Spokesperson for Health. If successful, the Inquiry will then be referred to Social Development Committee for an investigation and report.

"Labor has abandoned South Australians living in regional SA and it is time that the people of this state were given the openness and transparency they deserve."

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