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## **REGIONAL AUSTRALIA MUST HAVE ENOUGH MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS**

The Regional Universities Network (RUN) welcomes the announcement by the Assistant Minister for Rural Health, The Hon Dr David Gillespie MP, of a stocktake of the distribution of medical school places with a view to considering ways in which workforce needs in regional, rural and remote Australia can be best addressed.

The Chair of RUN, Professor Greg Hill, said that the review is an important step towards ensuring that people in the regions have adequate medical care.

“People who train in the regions usually stay in the regions to work,” Professor Hill said.

“As well as having enough doctors, including both GPs and specialists, working in the regions, there must also be adequate numbers of nurses and allied health professionals working in regional Australia. Universities must receive adequate funding for clinical placements for nursing and allied health students in regional, public (and private) health providers,” Professor Hill said.

“RUN looks forward to providing input into the review.”

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