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Australia’s Health System

Promoting Health in Australia
Discuss and analyse approaches to health and health promotion, and describe Australia’s health system and the different roles of government and non-government organisations in promoting health.
Australia’s health system including:

- local, state and federal governments’ responsibility for health including funding
- the values that underpin the Australian health system
- Medicare, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and private health insurance
identify and explain key components of Australia’s health system
What is ‘healthcare’?

- **All the health service providers**
  - Includes doctors, nurses, specialists, hospitals, clinics, research centres, private health insurance and lots more.
  - Some of these services are provided publicly (government) and some are provided privately.

What do you think the main focus of the private and public health care systems would be, respectively?

- **Public** – improving health.
- **Private** – making money.
There are three levels of government in Australia. What are they?

Local, State, Federal

Each of these has a different focus in health care provision, and different programs and goals that they are responsible for.
Local and municipal governments are responsible for providing a safe environment for their community.

These could include:
- Public health programs like immunisation
- Community activity centres
- Garbage collection and disposal
- Maintaining roads
- Health inspections in restaurants

Which of the 4 determinants do these all address?
- Physical Environment

Which model of Health is this Employing?
- Social
Provides guidance to local government and provide health services.

- Funding public hospitals
- Funding early detection schemes
- Provision of education schemes
- Controlling pollution
- Research into public health issues
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Responsible for health care that has an impact on all Australians
  - Medicare
  - Pharmaceutical benefit scheme
  - Regulates private health insurance
  - International health care – AusAid
  - Quarantine
  - Legislation
  - Research
For each of the following photos, answer the following questions:

- How can this service improve health outcomes for you or your family?
- Who is responsible for providing this service?
LATROBE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

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Local
State
Federal

206305
206309
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CUSTOMS
CONTROLLING POLLUTION
SAFE ROADS

Safe Roads

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Local 206989
State 207095
Federal 207096
Medicare

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VICTORY PARK

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Traralgon Pool

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Local 207483
State 207486
Federal 207487

Total results: 0
In 2007–08, just over 2% of total health expenditure was for preventive services or health promotion.

Between 1998–99 and 2008–09, there was an increase in general practitioners’ management of some chronic diseases, including hypertension, diabetes and depression.

Ambulances attended 2.9 million incidents in 2008–09, of which 39% were emergencies.

The number of hospital admissions rose by 37% in the decade to 2007–08.

Over half of the hospital admissions (56%) in 2007–08 were same-day admissions, compared with 48% in 1998–99.

In 2008–09, about 1 in 9 of all prescriptions under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme were for a mental health-related medication.
Health expenditure during 2007–08 was $103.6 billion, exceeding $100 billion for the first time.

Health expenditure in 2007–08 equalled 9.1% of gross domestic product (GDP).

As a share of its GDP, Australia spent more than the United Kingdom in 2007–08 (8.4%), a similar amount to the OECD median (8.9%) and much less than the United States (16%).

Governments funded almost 70% of health expenditure in 2007–08.

For Indigenous Australians in 2006–07, spending per person on health and high-level residential aged care was 25% higher than for other Australians.
In designing and implementing the health care systems we currently have in place, there are a number of values that each level of government attempts to uphold.

Health care in Australia needs to be:

- Effective
- Appropriate
- Efficient
- Responsive
- Accessible
- Safe
- Continuous
- Capable
- Sustainable
VALUES OF HEALTHCARE QUESTIONS

• Look at Figure 7.8 on p200.
• What are they three services that have the most amount of money spent on them each year?
  (this graph will be on your SAC and you will have to do a very similar task)
• Choose one of these 3 services.
• Use the information on p201 to identify whether or not you think this service meets each of the values or not. Explain why it does/does not.
  (you will not need to do this for every single value on your SAC, so make sure you know and can discuss a couple really well)
(a) Public hospital services excludes dental services, community health services, patient transport services, public health and health research undertaken by the hospital. Can include services provided off the hospital site such as hospital-in-the-home dialysis or other services.

(b) Other health comprises patient transport services, administration and research.
EXAMPLE

• Public Hospitals
  • Public hospitals are effective because they provide treatments that effectively deal with diseases
  • Public Hospitals are safe because staff have a high level of training that they are expected to meet before they can be employed.