

Media Release

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HEALTH MINISTER “CHECKS UP” ON THE REGION

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad has welcomed Health Minister, The Hon Greg Hunt to the region today – with the two day visit taking a closer look at the regions health workforce shortage.

Mr Broad said the visit was a necessary one with a strong percentage of the Wimmera Mallee currently going without adequate allied health professionals to look after and service the community.

“It’s fantastic to see the Minister here in our patch to assess and discuss the problems we’re facing and figure out where we can go from here to see the best outcomes for our communities health,” Mr Broad said.

“The Minister and I will have the chance to catch up with some of our local workforce including doctors and practice managers to really discuss how we can use our capacity to help.”

Mr Broad and Minister Hunt will be visiting local hospitals as well as hosting a health forum in Horsham and a lunch event in Mildura to maximise discussion with key stakeholders throughout the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions.

“Having the Minister see and experience first-hand the issues our regional communities are facing is exactly what we need to shape the policy required for change, I am looking forward to the outcome of the visit and discussions of pathways we can take from here,” Mr Broad said.

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