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REGIONAL SA FORGOTTEN IN LABOR'S ENDOMETRIOSIS ANNOUNCEMENT

Despite the Australian Government's announcement of eleven new endometriosis and pelvic pain clinics across Australia, **zero** of these new clinics will be in South Australia.

There are currently two endometriosis and pelvic pain clinics in South Australia, with only one based in regional South Australia.

Women from across Grey are forced to travel to Kadina or outside regional SA to access endometriosis and pelvic pain care. This is unacceptable when endometriosis affects 1 in 7 women.

In March last year, a report including 20 recommendations was tabled by The Parliamentary Select Committee into Endometriosis in the State Parliament. These recommendations included **better training** and **better access**.

Almost a year later, this is still not the case for regional women across South Australia.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning Member for Grey

"Driving hours to access essential services is unacceptable for an electorate that covers 92.3 per cent of South Australia."

"Grey is a vast electorate, with many travelling hours across South Australia to visit the Kadina clinic."

"The Primary Health Network for country SA has a population of about 497,000 people with 259,000 women, yet one endometriosis and pelvic pain clinic in Kadina is supposed to service them all - from Ceduna and Port Lincoln to Roxby Downs."



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“To exclude South Australia from new endometriosis and pelvic pain clinics is yet another example of regional South Australia being forgotten.”

“For women living with conditions like endometriosis, timely access to general practitioners and specialist care is critical. Right now, too many women across regional South Australia are missing out.”

“South Australian’s were excited to have a health minister from their home state, yet SA continues to be at the bottom of Mark Butler’s list - with regional SA even lower.”

Quotes attributable to Monica Forlano, Chair of Endometriosis Australia

“With endometriosis affecting at least one in seven Australian women and an average diagnosis delay of seven years, expanding access to specialist clinics in regions and outer suburbs is absolutely vital.”

“We know that early intervention and coordinated care can transform outcomes for women living with this debilitating condition.”

“For too long, women with endometriosis and pelvic pain have struggled to access the specialist, coordinated care they desperately need.”

Quotes attributable to Dr Anna Kearney, Kadina Medical Associates

“No new clinics being announced in South Australia was a disappointing, but not unexpected result.”

“Women travel from across the state to come see our clinic and staff, and much of our time with these patients is spent listening, acknowledging their journey, helping them find answers they previously could not, and empowering them to understand and better self-manage their symptoms.”

“Our clinic prides itself on multidisciplinary care, however, workforce issues are still often unavoidable with rural retention a national issue.”

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“Even with the addition of 11 new clinics, the Australian Government does not recognise the value of good primary care. General Practitioners are perfectly poised and excellent at holistic management of period pain and endometriosis but are not being supported to do so.”

Quotes attributable to Deanna Flynn Wallis, Endometriosis Australia SA

Ambassador

“I have had endometriosis since I was thirteen, however, like most endometriosis warriors, I went undiagnosed until nineteen. The symptoms, journey, medical gaslighting, and life implications are beyond exhausting for so many.”

“I am proud to have fiercely advocated for change at a state level and was involved in the push for establishing last year’s Parliamentary Select Committee into Endometriosis, as well as now being on the steering committee on the roll out of the recommendations.”

“This fierce advocacy led to me being asked last year by Endometriosis Australia to be an ambassador, and this is something I am truly honoured to be.”

“South Australia truly needs more clinics, and it is my sincere hope that we get them, especially for our regional warriors.”

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