

# ADVOCACY PRIORITIES 2021 - 23

We believe all people living in country Victoria deserve access to affordable health care to support their physical, mental and social well-being. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should feel confident they will receive health care that is culturally safe, free of barriers, and respectful of their values.

## WE BELIEVE:

### Priority 1

Health care delivered to rural Victorians should be safe, high quality, affordable and comprehensive. Health professionals should have strong links to their rural communities and local health systems.

### Priority 2

All health professionals should be supported to work together to provide healthcare in country Victoria that enhances complete patient cycles of care. This may be achieved through well-established referral pathways, multidisciplinary teams and high - quality training opportunities.

### Priority 3

Health care provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people acknowledges a holistic view of health which is empowered by community-led governance and is supported with high cultural safety principles of health practitioners. We believe that the expertise and cultural knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and health professionals should be valued and embedded into health care models.

### Priority 4

Technology innovations that support healthcare delivery and continuity of care in country Victoria should be safe and affordable. Alternate delivery options must be available for those with technology access issues. Appropriate quality and safety standards should underpin the use of telehealth and any other new innovations in country Victoria.

### Priority 5

Health services in country Victoria should be equipped with infrastructure and resources to educate the next generation of health professionals.