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**IMPROVING ACCESS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT
CHECKS**

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There is definitely a very inadequate lack of equity of access for regional and remote children attending health services. This is largely determined by limited allied health staff and paediatric public health services, which urgently need to be increased to meet the demand.

We can only improve developmental and health outcomes of rural children by increasing public allied health services. Without financial investment in staff, developmental milestones will not improve.