

Dear Secretariat,

I firstly wish to thank the Committee for travelling to Frankston to hear from my local GP clinics regarding the extensive issues they are experiencing with finding and retaining doctors.

I wish to provide the Committee with information responding to a statement made during that hearing by a witness from the Department of Health that was factually incorrect.

During the testimony provided by the Department of Health, a representative advised the Committee that only 1 application was made for Distribution Priority Area exceptional circumstances review in the Frankston catchment. It was initially suggested that that meant only 1 clinic had applied. Subsequently, the Department representative could not confirm that that application was made on behalf of 9 clinics.

I ask that this correspondence is published on the Committee website with the attached documents, which show that a joint application for DPA status was lodged by my office with the Department (via the Rural Workforce Agency) on behalf of **9 local clinics**. As can be seen from the attached confirmation receipt, the original application was submitted on 3 February 2022, with the 9<sup>th</sup> clinic added on 21 February. Please note that I have redacted some personal information that I do not have consent to share.

I understand that the Department indicated that it would respond on notice to the assertion of Senator Walsh that in fact 9 clinics from the Frankston catchment have applied for exceptional circumstance DPA status under the current process. However given that the mis-representation from the Department significantly diminishes the effort 9 local clinics put into this application, I feel it is important to bring the true situation and the attached documents to the attention of the Committee so that it can be immediately included in the public record.

I also advise that a joint submission was lodged on behalf of the 9 clinics on the request of the Rural Workforce Agency Victoria. A copy of this correspondence is also attached to this email.

If this could be brought to the attention of Committee members, with my request that this correspondence be published on the Committee website, as soon as possible, I would be most grateful.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours,  
Peta



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**Johnson, Lauren (P. Murphy, MP)**

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**From:** DPA <dpa@rwav.com.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 February 2022 11:13 AM  
**To:** Murphy, Peta (MP)  
**Cc:** Johnson, Lauren (P. Murphy, MP); DPA  
**Subject:** RE: Joint submission- DPA exceptional circumstances review

Dear Peta

Thank you for providing us with your DPA review application. We will review it over the next 2-3 weeks and will be in touch if further information is needed.

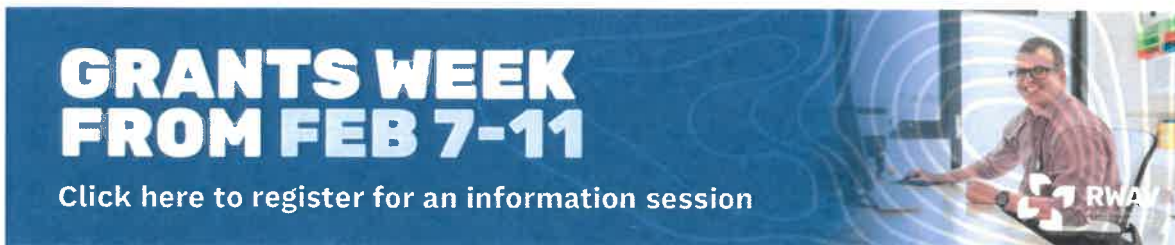
Kind regards,

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**From:** Murphy, Peta (MP) <Peta.Murphy.MP@aph.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 February 2022 4:10 PM  
**To:** DPA <dpa@rwav.com.au>  
**Cc:** Johnson, Lauren (P. Murphy, MP) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Joint submission- DPA exceptional circumstances review

Good afternoon,

Thank you for this opportunity to make a joint submission on behalf of general practice medical clinics in my electorate of Dunkley in South East Melbourne.

I am submitting this application on behalf of 7 clinics located in the suburbs of Frankston, Carrum Downs and Langwarrin.

The issue of GP shortages has been continually raised with me since I was elected to the federal parliament in 2019, with the issue only compounding since then.

I would like to draw to your attention one clinic in particular- Total Care Medical Centre Frankston. This clinic is about to be without a doctor entirely. Dr Chung had temporarily come out of retirement to assist with servicing the 6000 active patient load, however he will be departing the clinic shortly. Lucina Wilk, Director, is requesting assistance in recruiting a doctor as a matter of urgency.

Thank you for your consideration of the information attached. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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**1. APPLICATION FORM ONE (Victoria only)**  
**Request for Exceptional Circumstances Assessment of**  
**non-Distribution Priority Area (DPA) status**

*This form is to be completed by the applicant and sent to the relevant Rural Workforce Agency. In Victoria, please send this document and any supporting evidence to [dpa@rwav.com.au](mailto:dpa@rwav.com.au) once pg. 2 is completed.*

<b>Date of Application</b>	<b>3/02/2022</b>
<b>1. Basic Information</b>	
Contact name:	<b>Rachael Hatzopoulos (lead applicant. Clinics 1 and 2)</b>
Contact position/ role:	<b>Operations Manager</b>
Contact phone number:	[REDACTED]
Contact email:	[REDACTED]
Town/ Area for DPA review:	<b>Dunkley electorate (Frankston, Carrum Downs, Langwarrin)</b>
Number of GP clinics for this review:	<b>8</b>
	Clinic 1. [REDACTED]
	Clinic 2. [REDACTED]
	Clinic 3. [REDACTED]
	Clinic 4. [REDACTED]
Number of GPs employed at the practice(s)	Clinic 5. [REDACTED]
	Clinic 6. [REDACTED]
	Clinic 7.
	Clinic 8. [REDACTED]
	Clinic 9. [REDACTED]
Practice name(s) and address:	Clinic 1. Ballarto Medical Centre, 301 – 303 Ballarto Road Carrum Downs Vic 3201
	Clinic 2. St Mary Medical Centre, 1181 Frankston Dandenong Road Carrum Downs Vic 3201
	Clinic 3. Langwarrin Medical Clinic, 20 Union Rd Langwarrin VIC 3910
	Clinic 4. Young Street Medical and Dental Clinic, 89/97 Young St Frankston VIC 3199
	Clinic 5. Total Care Medical, 194-196 Karingal Dr Frankston VIC 3199
	Clinic 6. Myhealth Bayside, MM11 Bayside Shopping Centre 28 Beach St Frankston VIC 3199
	Clinic 7. Village Family Medical Centre, 1/1095 Frankston Dandenong Rd Carrum Downs VIC 3201
	Clinic 8. Hall Road Medical Centre, T14/100 Hall Rd, Carrum Downs VIC 3201
	Clinic 9. Carrum Downs Doctors, 335 Ballarto Rd, Carrum Downs VIC 3201

