

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws attention of the House to the recent changes to Gawler's Rural status in the proposed 2009 -2010 Federal Budget and the negative impact such changes will have on the delivery of health services to Gawler and the surrounding region.

We, the petitioners, respectfully ask the House to amend the 2009 – 2010 Federal Budget Proposal that seeks to remove Gawler's RRMA 4 Rural Status and reclassify the town as a RA1 Major City and reinstate Gawler as a rural community that reflects the actual character and nature of the community to:

- Ensure the GP Inc. Accident and Emergency Service is maintained in Gawler;
- Provide accessible 24hour Accident and Emergency, and After Hours Health Care;
- Provide expert **local** medical care in a timely manner;
- Retain trainee General Practitioners/Registrars;
- Ensure continuation of further training for local doctors;
- Continue to attract General Practitioners to the area.