

SPECIFIC NEEDS

A 40. CHARTERS TOWERS' BRANCH

"That ICPA Qld Inc support ICPA Aust in their lobby for online Speech/Occupational etc Therapies, to be included as Telehealth Medical Benefits Scheme items to help with the cost of such therapies for rural and remote children on a permanent basis."

Explanation:

Online therapy sessions allow rural and remote children regular access to a therapist. However, the cost of online therapy can be substantial. The financial status of families may limit the effectiveness of these sessions if the family cannot afford for their children to attend online therapy session on a regular basis.

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S 12. QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

"That IPCA Qld lobby all educational institutions (including but not exclusive to DoE, ISQ, QCEC, Lutheran Education QLD, Anglican Schools Commission) who deliver secondary schooling in QLD to ensure that rural and remote children who require learning support and assistance in the early and middle years of schooling receive, at a minimum, the same level of support in their senior years."

Explanation:

Students who are verified with specific learning needs to have adequate and continued learning support in their senior years of schooling, regardless of the number of students within their cohort requiring assistance. Students with learning needs do not miraculously grow out of this and suddenly not need assistance in their senior years, in fact, with the importance and emphasis on the final two years of formal schooling, continuation of support is not only imperative but essential.

All rural and remote children are often already at a disadvantage with receiving their education in smaller settings, by not being a societal norm with residing outside of mainstream urban locations, which can result in limited subject selections or having relocated to boarding facilities and not having their family support network with them. These physical and emotional factors compound their learning needs.

Verified children attract funding (Federally) that is supplied to their school of enrolment to assist with their education and schools absolutely need to allow the funding to flow through to assist the child attain their QCE or other educational qualification that they are wishing to study towards. Assistance to help these students is not just required at examination time but is imperative to have with the learning of content to ensure the student is adequately prepared for examination in whichever format it is in.

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