

Hot Topic

Two Rural Issues

for all Victorian divisions

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A Victorian position on

- Proposed changes to RRMA*
- Review of Rural Workforce Agencies and the need for workforce support for urban divisions*

RRMA Review

- Inclusion of distance will reduce funding to Victoria
- RWAIV proposes a national classification system including
 - population and rurality, Aboriginal population, measures of workforce, health status.
 - distance to be a separate directly funded component of the grants

Review of RWAs

- “the roles of Rural Workforce Agencies and the Divisions network in relation to workforce activities be reviewed, including consideration of amalgamations between the Divisions network and Rural Workforce Agencies”.

Rec 6 of Div Review

GPDV position

- first priority is elimination of the present fragmentation
- changes should not reduce RWAV's capacity to support rural divisions
- adequate funding required to extend services to urban divisions
- amalgamation of RWAs and SBOs unlikely to provide enough savings