

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Petition Title:**

**General Practice Nurses at risk in Tasmania**

**Reasons:**

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House:

The Morrison Liberal Government has changed to the Monash Modified Model classification system for health services. Consequently, some areas of Tasmania have been reclassified without due recognition of the challenges they face to provide GP services. For example, the small rural town of Lilydale struggles to attract GPs yet has been reclassified to be of equivalent standing to Launceston (MM2).

In addition, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2020, the Morrison Liberal Government will no longer provide rural loadings to MM2 areas with the result places like Launceston will no longer receive support to employ nurses in GP practices, putting these nursing jobs at risk. Nor will these practices be eligible for the new Workforce Incentive Programs, which will be restricted to MM3-7 areas.

As a regional island state with some of the poorest health outcomes in the nation and made up of largely rural communities struggling to attract and retain doctors, we believe the government should reclassify Tasmanian MM2 areas to MM3 or reinstate eligibility for MM2 areas for Federal Government workforce incentive programs.

**Request:**

We therefore ask the House to: request the Morrison Liberal Government to save General Practice nursing jobs by reviewing the MM model's application in Tasmania due to the unique circumstances of our island state and either maintain the incentive payments to General Practice in MM2 Tasmanian areas or reclassify MM2 areas in Tasmania to MM3.

