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ABC Central Victoria, Bendigo
17:30 News: 02 Sep 2010 05:32PM

Compere: Newsreader

The Victorian opposition says an Auditor General's report on a rural health program highlights health inequalities in regional areas. The report found the Sustainable Farm Families Program has had a positive impact, but Peter Walsh, Deputy Health Leader Vic Nationals, says the Government needs to improve health services in regional areas.

ABC Gippsland, Sale
17:30 News: 02 Sep 2010
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Compere: Peta Carlyon

The State Opposition says a report from the Auditor General regarding the Sustainable Farm Families, still creates inequalities in regional Victoria. Peter Walsh, Deputy Leader of Victorian Nationals, says there report highlights the need for health service improvement in regional Victoria.

ABC Ballarat, Ballarat
Vic Country Hour: 02 Sep 2010
12:46PM

Compere: Warwick Long

Long states a program looking into the health of farming families is being investigated by the Vic Auditor-General. The program was adopted by the Western District Health Service in Hamilton and has been rolled out across Australia. In the report the Auditor-General believed the efforts of people participating in sustainable farm families an effort should be made by the DPI to keep people involved in the program. He speaks to National Centre for Farmer Health Director Professor Susan Brumby whom explains sustainable farm families is a program that involves farmers in the process of looking at their health, lifestyle and safety behaviours and providing info skills on those kind of subjects like cardiovascular, men's health, women's health, stress, depression, anxiety and an opportunity to have a one on one with a health professional. Brumby states they have seen big changes in the health of farm families which was also brought up by the Auditor-General's report that the people whom attended the program have had the best improvement. Long reads texts from listeners praising the program.

Interviewees:
Susan Brumby, Director, National Centre for Farmer Health

ABC Mildura Swan Hill, Mildura
08:30 News: 02 Sep 2010 08:32AM

Compere: Newsreader

The Victorian Auditor General has highlighted short comings in a program that aims to improve health standards among farming families. The Sustainable Farm Families Program is over seen by the Department of Primary Industries and based on a model developed by the Western District Health Services.

ABC Ballarat, Ballarat
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Compere: Newsreader

Peter Walsh, Spokesperson for Agriculture for the Opposition says a report by the Auditor General on a rural health program shows the rates of diabetes, heart disease, and suicide are higher in regional Victoria. The report looked at the Sustainable Farm Families program which was developed by the Western District Health Service.

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ABC South Western Victoria,
Warrnambool
06:30 News: 02 Sep 2010 06:30AM

Compere: Newsreader

The Vic Auditor-General has highlighted short comings in The Sustainable Farm Families Program overseen by the DPI and based on a model developed by The Western District Health Service that aims to improve health standards amongst farming families.

ABC Mildura Swan Hill, Mildura
07:30 News: 02 Sep 2010 07:32AM

Compere: Newsreader

Nationals Deputy Leader Peter Walsh has pressed the need for the Government to improve health services in the bush after a report by the Auditor General found that the Sustainable Farm Families has had a positive impact.

ABC Central Victoria, Bendigo
07:30 News: 02 Sep 2010 07:32AM

Compere: Graeme Nicks

The Victorian Opposition says an Auditor General's report on a rural health program highlights health inequalities in regional areas. It was found that the sustainable farm families program has had a positive impact. Despite this. Deputy Leader of the National Party, Peter Walsh says the report shows the Government needs to improve health services in the bush. He says key indicators are issues around diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory illness.

ABC Gippsland, Sale
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Compere: Mark DeBono

The Vic Auditor-General has highlighted short comings in The Sustainable Farm Families Program overseen by the DPI and based on a model developed by The Western District Health Service that aims to improve health standards amongst farming families. The Auditor-General's report tabled in Vic Parliament yesterday found the health education is valuable.

ABC Central Victoria, Bendigo
10:30 News: 02 Sep 2010 10:32AM

Compere: Newsreader

A Victorian Auditor General's report has criticised a state-wide program to close the gap in health standards between rural and metropolitan areas. The Sustainable Farm Families is funded by the Department of Primary Industries and run by the Western District Health service, and involves a series of workshops on health issues. The Auditor General found funding levels meant that no more than three percent of farming families could take part. He also found the DPI also needed to keep a closer eye on how funding was spent. Deputy Nationals Leader Peter Walsh says it shows country people suffer from higher levels of diabetes, heart disease and suicide.

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ABC 774 Melbourne, Melbourne
07:45 News: 02 Sep 2010 07:53AM

Compere: Newsreader

A Victorian Auditor-General's report has criticised aspects of the Sustainable Farm Families Program, a statewide program funded by the Department of Primary Industries and run by the Western District Health Service.

ABC Gippsland, Sale
06:30 News: 02 Sep 2010 06:31AM

Compere: Mark DeBono

The Vic Auditor-General's report has criticised aspects of the DPI funded Western District Health Service's Vic wide Sustainable Farm Families Program established to close the gap in health standards between metropolitan and rural areas. The Sustainable Farm Families program is funded by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and run by the Western District Health Service (WDHS). The program involves a series of workshops on health issues relevant to farmers and rural communities. It also offers annual health checks. The auditor-general found the program has led to a better understanding of health issues, but did identify several shortcomings. He found funding levels meant no more than 3 per cent of farming families could take part, and the program did not always reach those most in need. The auditor-general also found the DPI needs to keep a closer eye on the way funds are spent by the Western District Health Service. In response, the DPI has pledged to rectify problems with financial reporting.