



TAYLOR IN GRENFELL TALKING RURAL HEALTH

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate for Hume, says that if elected to government, the coalition will review a geographical classification regime which provides incentives for doctors to work in rural areas so that the regime works much more effectively for smaller towns.

Mr Taylor and his wife Louise spent last Saturday at a street stall outside the Grenfell IGA, and later attended the Grenfell Picnic Races.

Mr Taylor said:

"We ran in to a number of old friends, but we were very pleased to meet many more people from the Grenfell community. The thing that struck me on Saturday was the strength of adverse feeling about the minority Labor/Greens/Independent government in this part of Hume. The people of Grenfell have had enough!

"Apart from the talk about national politics, I also talked with many people about Grenfell's new doctor. Lately, Grenfell has struggled more than many towns with the doctor issue. So it was not surprising to hear many residents talking positively about the arrival of Dr Patrick Akhiwu and his family. I welcome their arrival, and I know that they will make a great contribution to the fabric of this tight community.

"The coalition is working hard on policies that will address the chronic rural doctor shortages. Last week our coalition spokesman on rural health, Dr Andrew Laming and I were lucky enough to speak with the many from the Grenfell community, including Mayor Mark Liebich, about the issues they have faced.

Mr Taylor said that he had made rural health a priority since he was preselected in May last year:

"I am pleased that we have already committed to reviewing the seriously defective regional classification system, which is currently operating as a barrier to attracting doctors to smaller country towns.

"However, I will always be pushing for more on rural health. Having grown up in a town much smaller than Grenfell, I know too well that a town without adequate health services is a dying town. This is why rural health will be one of the top issues for me through to the election, and if I'm elected, post-election."

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