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I fully support the recognition of Rural General Medicine as a speciality.
These doctors are highly skilled and have to deal with anything that comes through their doors.
This involves a lot of reading and keeping up to date.
It needs also to attract higher payments – rural GP's (and GP's in general) are poorly paid compared to hospital doctors as the Medicare reimbursements are low, and they have to pay the rest of their staff etc. It is crucial to the rural areas that more doctors are attracted to this as a speciality – attraction and retention is very difficult.

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