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A push for internships in our hospitals to be ring-fenced for country students

Centroc represents the interest of communities in Central NSW, an area the same size as Tasmania with about half the population and a bigger GDP.

“At our recent Board meeting the idea of ring fencing internships in our hospitals for country students was raised. The Mayors from the region are very supportive of the idea and we are writing to the State Government to help progress it,” said Cr Keith Chair of Centroc.

“Health is one of our top priorities. We absolutely need better access to medical services. This starts with having them! We know from the research that rural people who are trained in health in the region are retained in the region,” said Cr Keith.

“We want more training places and we want them filled with country students, much like they are doing at James Cook University in far north Queensland,” said Cr Keith.

“Where we support having medical workforce trained in Central NSW it is also important to ensure that students have placements in hospitals during and on completion of their studies,” said Cr Keith.

“We are therefore seeking to have a significant proportion of more hospital training places including doctor internship rotations, ring fenced for country students,” said Cr Keith.

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