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I think it is inhumane to suddenly apply the brakes on health and hospital services by making cuts at the last minute. We continually hear that Victorian Hospitals are the best in the world then funding is pulled and many things come to a stop.

From Media releases we hear how our local Western Hospital(Footscray and Sunshine) have made so many improvements and cut waiting times and by pass incidents etc so it must be dis-spiriting for the people working and achieving much to be "kicked in the guts" again.

As a result of the recent cuts my own Niece is now on an extended waiting list for an operation to repair internal damage done as a result of complications from poor medical care received during the birth of her second child.

How much of the State's resources budgetted for health and hospitals is being used up on self inflicted drug overdoses and drinking binges and the resulting bashings, stabbing etc?

How much of the budget is wasted on bureaucracy maintaining the paperwork trail? How many bureaucrats actually go into the workplace before systems are implimented?

What has happened to the super clinics that were to be attached to hospitals to stop the emergency sections being overwhelmed?Why can't evertone visit the GP on Medicare and the GP receive a fair rebate from the Government?

Why can't the State Government find the shortfall, \$100+ million is nothing nowadays . Is Big Business encouraged to fund Reseach etc with Tax breaks ?

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