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Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017

*(Second reading amendment to be moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate,
Senator Di Natale)*

At the end of the motion, add:

", but the Senate:

- (1) laments that health outcomes in rural and regional Australia continue to lag significantly behind the rest of the country, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognises that the establishment of a Rural Health Commissioner represents an opportunity to examine and address the significant work force issues which contribute to this, as well as the range of other causes; and
- (2) calls for the Commissioner to be free to examine and make recommendations relating to all areas of policy reform and funding that are relevant to urgently address this issue".