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I am outraged and concerned for the health and wellbeing of this Community.

As a mother I dread the thought of something dire happening to one of my children or my family as a result of this closure. From that perspective , I feel i need to share the mission statement of Colac Area Health.

Their mission statement is:

"To promote the health and wellbeing of the Colac and district community through the provision of quality acute, aged, residential and community services that are accessible, affordable, flexible and integrated."

I believe that in making the decision to close the Urgent Care Department between 10 pm and 7am , The Board and CEO of Colac Are Health are NOT meeting this mission statement.

The community of Colac have had enough of the sparing match between the State and Federal Governments. We want and need our urgent care department to remain open. We need the funding that was cut midway through the year to be reinstated. We also need an external audit of CAH to be carried out and action taken. CAH was classed as high risk by the Auditor General, why? What will be done in regards to that classification?

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