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- (c) Assess the impact that the health status of Australians has on the provision of health care facilities and services. 10

The health status of Australians has improved greatly over the last 40 years with the initiatives and new health promotion strategies. Today life expectancy for Australians is at the highest it has ever been 75 for males and 81 for females. Also with ~~all~~ the new priority areas of health the mortality has decrease greatly for disease and morbidity has also decreased with the implementation of immunisation in schools.

Unfortunately Australia's health status is not equal right across Australia and as a result the government is targeting on specific population groups, to reduce this inequality.

For example people with a low Socio-economic status have lower income and employment, this means that they are often living in poverty and are malnourished. Their influence is decreasing. Australia's health status

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along with aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and their rural and remotely isolated.

These population groups are suffering from inequalities and therefore the aim of better health for all is unable to be achieved.

Therefore health care services and facilities have been ~~been~~ modified in an effort to gain greater equality in Australia.

Due to the lacking doctors in rural areas, these people are succumb to ill health, and access to facilities is limited. This is a great disadvantage to their health.

Also overall the health status of Australians have increased and there is now a greater amount of people that are looking at alternative care. This type of care is not clinically proven, but treats the patient holistically rather than just physically.

Most money at the moment is used by curative services rather than preventative and this is trying to be changed.

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