

Like all great societies we provide free healthcare for all and it is absolutely critical that this is maintained at a high standard. In my profession it is now almost impossible to see a dietician at short notice unless you are an inpatient. Waiting times can be at least a couple of months. For many people this is totally unacceptable - for the parents with a child who has a suspected eating disorder, a baby who is failing to thrive, someone with a digestive problem who can't find food they can tolerate, the list goes on. Private dieticians are available particularly in the cities but charge well over \$100/hour which is impossible for a large portion of our population. This is not the Australia that I love and am proud of.

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