



Regional Cancer Centre

Regional Cancer Centre & Oncology Services – Fast Facts

The Cancer Care Experience

Average healthcare professionals per visit:

Cancer patients see **3-4 professionals** at each appointment. This often includes a nurse and medical doctor, and may also involve a cancer care coordinator, day unit nurse, pharmacist, dietitian, occupational therapist, psychologist, or physiotherapist.

Why it matters:

A dedicated Regional Cancer Centre would allow for more coordinated, timely care — supporting staff to deliver multidisciplinary care under one roof.

Rising Demand

Patients seen per day:

Up to **100 patients** are seen each day across oncology and haematology clinics.

Growing need:

Demand is increasing and the unit currently uses every available space to treat patients on time. Without expanded facilities, this demand will continue to place pressure on services.

Rural Reach

Distance travelled:

Around **50% of oncology patients** travel from outside the Toowoomba Region for appointments.

Catchment area:

Covers **300,000 km²**, stretching from Charleville to the SA border, and from South Burnett into northern New South Wales.

Teleoncology helps, but many patients still need to travel to Toowoomba for initial treatment, complex care, or urgent tests.

The Role of Support Services

Cancer treatment impacts patients physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Support services play a critical role in helping patients regain strength, reduce treatment side effects, and improve quality of life.

A Regional Cancer Centre would make it easier to provide ongoing support — not just treatment — closer to home.

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