The CLP Spokesperson on Health Sue Carter has shown once again she simply doesn’t care about the wellbeing of people outside of Darwin and Alice Springs.

Minister for Health Dr Peter Toyne outlined a statement today about improving services to remote health.

Dr Toyne detailed his visits to 22 remote health clinics in his first eight months as Minister and what has been done to improve them in that time.

Sue Carter’s response? She raises an operational issue at Royal Darwin Hospital

Why?

She simply doesn’t know and doesn’t care about health services in remote areas.

In the same eight months that Dr Toyne has visited 22 remote health centres in regional areas, Sue Carter has visited one.

She has nothing to say on remote health because she doesn’t know anything about it.

Regional Health Plans have been launched for the Central Australia, East Arnhem and the Katherine regions under the Building Healthier Communities Framework.

These plans were formulated with extensive community consultation, and will form our contract with the residents of those areas.

In the budget $1.4 million to begin phasing out single nurse posts.

We are backing up this commitment with a number of grants to further strengthen and support services to remote areas.

The grants include:

- $450,000 for the Centre for Remote Health to construct a new lecture theatre and office accommodation
- $100,000 for the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT (AMSANT) to conduct an Aboriginal Health Summit.
- $80,000 for the Council of Remote Area Nurses of Australia (CRANA) to provide remote maternal care and remote emergency care training.
- $50,000 to the Titjikala Council to support the new staff at the community and improve Patient Transport to Alice Springs.
Both Sue Carter and I have a responsibility to push for the best possible health system.

Ms Carter should remember that means representing the entire Northern Territory.

Remote Health Visits:

Toyne -

- Ampilatwatja
- Alpurrululam
- Atitjere
- Alyangula
- Borroloola
- Finke
- Gove
- Gunbalanya
- Kings Canyon
- Kintore
- Kalkaringi
- Katherine
- Laramba
- Miwatj
- Pidgeon Hole
- Tennant Creek
- Ti Tree
- Yarralin
- Yirrkala
- Yuendumu
- Yuelamu
- Urapuntja

Carter:

Jabiru