



Community Dialysis Unit Expression of Interest

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read through the entire document to so that you understand what is needed.
2. Answer each question as best you can, with as much detail as possible.
3. If you are unable to answer a question, do not worry. We understand that communities are at different stages of readiness for a dialysis unit. The template is designed to be flexible and allow communities to share what is important to them in order for us to have a better idea of community need and what is required to have more people receiving dialysis on Country.
4. If you have more information that you think would be helpful, please include it in the 'General comments' section at the end of the document.

If you have questions, please contact the Better Renal Services Secretariat by emailing BetterRenalServicesSecretariat@Health.gov.au

APPLICANT DETAILS:

Name of community:	
State / Territory:	

NEED FOR DIALYSIS SERVICE

1. Does the community have a need for a dialysis service? (500 word limit)

Please provide details to support the response (for example, approximately how many people in the community are currently undergoing dialysis or pre-dialysis treatment (stages 3B: moderate, Stage 4: moderate and stage 5: end-stage).

Include people from the community who have had to relocate to another area to receive dialysis.

2. What are the current treatment options for people in the community needing dialysis? (300 word limit)

Please provide details, including current respite or mobile services.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

3. Does the community support the establishment of a fixed dialysis unit in this area? (500 word limit)

Please provide details and evidence to support the response including:

- Have different groups within the community been engaged to determine the level of support?

LAND AVAILABILITY

4. Is land available, or could it be made available, for establishment of a dialysis unit? (300 word limit)

Please provide details including whether other facilities have been proposed on any identified sites (e.g., are there competing priorities for land use?)

5. What are the land tenure and/or leasing arrangements of the identified land? (300 word limit)

Please provide details including:

- What is the estimated time for obtaining land tenure?
- Who are the decision makers for providing land tenure?
- Are there organisations outside of the community that require consultation or endorsement to obtain land tenure?

COMMUNITY ACCESSIBILITY

6. Are there any issues that impact accessing the community year-round? (500 word limit)

Is the community located, for instance, in an area that is prone to natural disasters or extreme weather events which could impact accessibility (e.g., floods)?

7. Is there a healthcare emergency evacuation plan for the community? (500 word limit)

In case of a healthcare emergency, it is crucial to have a plan in place to evacuate the dialysis patient and provide necessary medical assistance.

Provide information on whether there is an existing plan in place to evacuate the community in case of a healthcare emergency; How does it work and who is responsible for implementing it?

If there is no plan, provide information on how the community would handle a healthcare emergency and what steps they would take to ensure the safety of its members.

ACCESS TO UTILITIES

8. Does the proposed location have access to adequate power? (300 word limit)

Please provide details including:

- How is power supplied?
- Are there regular power outages in the community?

9. Does the proposed location have access to a plentiful supply of fresh, safe water to use to operate the dialysis unit? (300 word limit)

Please provide details. Please note that estimates of water use are up to 500L per dialysis session. 24 dialysis treatments per week (8 patients) will have an annual requirement of up to 624,000L per annum.

10. If there is not plentiful supply of water, how could a reliable, safe water supply be established? (300 word limit)

Please provide details.

11. How is sewerage and stormwater managed in the community? (300 word limit)

Please provide details.

12. Who maintains the utilities in the town and are there proposed works that may impact utilities (e.g., new buildings, shops, school, or medical clinic upgrades that may impact access to power and water)? (500 word limit)

Please provide a copy of the community lot plan and services plan if available.

HEALTH WORKFORCE

13. Are there any known or expected challenges to finding and retaining healthcare workforce to operate a dialysis unit in this location (other than accommodation)? (300 word limit)

Please provide details.

14. Would suitable housing / accommodation be available for the healthcare staff, or would accommodation need to be constructed? (300 word limit)

Please provide details, including if there is a service provider accommodation in the community and what is the availability of land (see questions 5 and 6 if housing needs to be constructed)?

DIALYSIS PROVIDER (300 word limit)

15. Have you had any initial conversations with a dialysis provider?

Please provide details if you have started this conversation, including with whom.

16. Who would receive the funds and manage the building works if this project was successful in obtaining funding for a dialysis unit? (300 word limit)

17. Who would provide the dialysis nurses and clinical support for the proposed dialysis unit? (300 word limit)

Please provide details.

18. Who would provide the clinical governance and oversight for this proposed dialysis unit? (300 word limit)

Please provide details.

GENERAL COMMENTS

19. Is there any other information that might assist to understand if this community could be considered for the establishment of a dialysis unit? (500 word limit)