Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Angela Dew

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Minor revisions
The authors have addressed the concerns raised in the initial reviews.

However, in addressing the point regarding a better explanation of the differences in Australia between regional, rural and remote, the authors have added detail but left repetition. The last line of that paragraph is no longer necessary as it is repetitive of the 30% figure added earlier in the paragraph.

The authors have added in quite a bit of new information not requested by either reviewer. While it is appreciated that the authors have taken the opportunity to add to their manuscript, the information added to the Discussion section on page 8 should not include participant data as this should be in the Results section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests