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- (c) Assess the impact that the health status of Australians has on the provision of health care facilities and services.

The current health status of Australians appears to be on the increase for the better, this is partly due to campaigns such as 'the new public health approach' but also because of advances in medical technology which can save people's lives at a cost where often preventative measures are much cheaper. For eg. Cardiovascular Disease deaths are currently in decline, but still our major killer, to save a life with a full lung transplant can cost in excess of \$20,000 while a quit smoking package costs around \$500. That shows that although CVD is on the decline it's also coming at a cost.

The current health status of Australians now is ever more placing more strain on the Commonwealth, State and local governments to continue to support these various institutions, which are keeping the average Australian to live around to 80 years, there's nothing wrong with

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that of course but with an increase in life expectancy comes the need for more facilities with the dental, & optical options not to mention the aged care options.

In Today's medical technology it's possible ~~impossible~~ to keep people alive at a cost and if the Medicare budget allows for 10 heart & transplants a year and your the eleventh and they make you pay that's not really fair is it.

So with the current health status at the moment of Australians being so good, it's not without a substantial cost to the commonwealth, state or local government, ~~all~~ or impact the individual if private insurance is opted for, of course we need health care and it's facilities that's a must but we also must realise that it comes at a cost.

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