



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **\$5-million GP Super Clinic means new era in health-care for Cairns**

The Cairns community is the winner as Balance! Healthcare announces that the main hub of the GP Super Clinic will be built at the Sugarworld site at Edmonton. “It is anticipated that the GP Super Clinic will open in Edmonton in early 2011” says director, Ms Kate Gunn. The Cairns GP Super Clinic is part of Commonwealth Government’s national rollout for its GP Super Clinics Program. Balance! Healthcare is a private company working with a strong consortium of partners, including local doctors and other primary care health professionals with complementary skills.

In fulfilling the focus of this ground-breaking \$5-million health initiative, the Cairns GP Super Clinic will bring together general practitioners, nurses, medical specialists, allied health professionals and other health care providers to deliver a new concept in integrated health care, tailored to the needs, priorities, and geographical realities, of Cairns residents.

“The Balance! Healthcare solution has been tailored to the needs and priorities of Cairns residents” said director Ms Karen Crouch. “It’s a hub and spoke model that creates a network of intra-linked centres offering collocated services along a geographically dispersed population ridgeline”.

Ms Crouch was speaking alongside her co-founder and business partner Ms Kate Gunn. Together they head a capable and experienced team of local, as well and out-of-area, doctors committed to providing an integrated, patient-centred-approach.

Plans for the Cairns GP Super Clinic have been developed after community consultation, and includes close collaboration with various community groups. Those members of the community interested in being involved in the Community Consultative Committee should contact Balance! Healthcare on 1300 854340. Potential partners, practitioners, staff and intending patients of the Cairns GP Super Clinic are invited to register pre-interest on 07 4033 2525.

GP Super Clinics are a \$275 million commitment of the Rudd Government.

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