

Addendum to Rural Suicide and its Prevention: a CRRMH Position Paper:

Note to reader:

Some of the data presented in this *Rural Suicide and its Prevention* position paper reflects 2016 data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) (2017)¹.

In September 2018, the ABS released **2017** data which showed that:

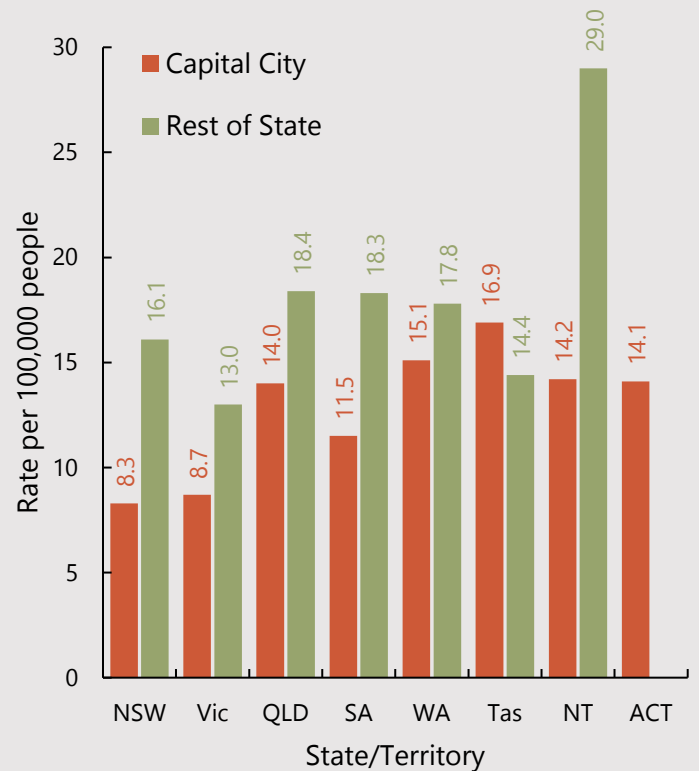
- The overall suicide rate for the whole of Australia was 12.7 per 100,000
- The rate of suicide in all of Australia's **Greater Capital Cities** combined was 10.7 per 100,000
- The rate of suicide for combined areas outside the **Greater Capital Cities** was 55% higher at 16.6 per 100,000
- The number of deaths outside the **Greater Capital Cities** comprised 41.7% of suicide deaths in Australia

Comorbidity

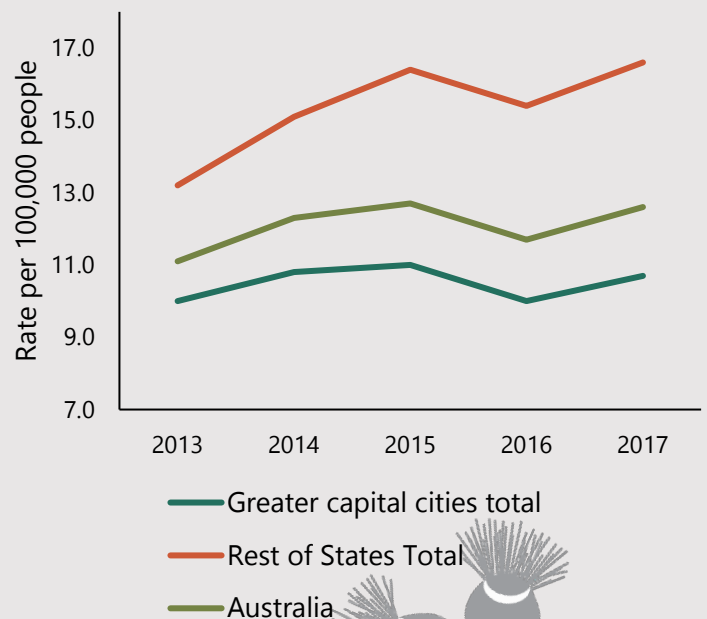
In 2018, the ABS released data for the first time relating to comorbidities, with 80% of suicide deaths having comorbidities as co-occurring factors, as follows:

- 43.0% Mood disorder, incl. depression
- 29.5% Drug and alcohol use disorders
- 17.5% Anxiety
- 14.9% Alcohol and other drugs in the blood

Suicide rate, by regional of usual residence, Australia, 2017
(update to Figure 6 therein)



Suicide rates by region, 2013-2017, Australia, 2017
(update to Figure 8 therein)



¹Australian Bureau of Statistics, (2018), 3302_0 Causes of Death, Australia, 2017