**Revisiting the schoolhouse: A literature review on staffing rural, remote and isolated schools in Australia 2004-2016**

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**Main findings of the article:**

1) Over the last decade the challenge of attracting and retaining quality teachers in rural and remote schools has remained much the same.

2) Leadership is a key influential factor that has emerged as influencing rural school staffing over the past 10 years-but face similar staffing challenges.

3) The importance of considering place and context have emerged as important factors in rural school staffing and rural school leadership

4) The similarities in findings compared to major staffing reports over 10 years ago (eg Roberts, 2004 & Sharplin, 2002) suggest that while we have a deep understanding of the issues, they are still persisting and a new approach is needed to address these staffing challenges.

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