

Members of the Legislative Assembly Committee
On Community Services – Inquiry into the Health Services
Amendment (Splitting of the Hunter New England Health
District Bill 2025

Mr Clayton Barr (Chair)
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August 15, 2025

Dear Committee Members

Clarification of information presented at Narrabri Hearing

Thanks to you all for visiting Narrabri on August 14 for the proceedings relating to the above Bill.

On page 20 of the transcript, I refer to the statistics around poorer health outcomes of people living in the Narrabri Shire compared to surrounding council districts. The median age of deaths of both men and women in the Narrabri Shire is earlier for both men and women than in the adjacent shires of Moree Plains Shire & Gunnedah Shire (Rural Health Mapping Tool). I have attached the graph from the Rural Health Mapping Tool, I was referring to in that discussion.

<https://www.ruralhealth.org.au/workforce-mapping-tool-lga-total-workforce>

On page 21 of the transcript, I mention that a member of our Save Our Wee Waa Hospital Group has been involved in the meetings between HNEH and the local medical practice about negotiations supplying VMO services to the Wee Waa Hospital. The member's name is Kerry Watts and he has emails and meeting notes from several years ago until a few weeks ago. Your Committee can contact him for this information. His email is [REDACTED] and his mobile is [REDACTED]

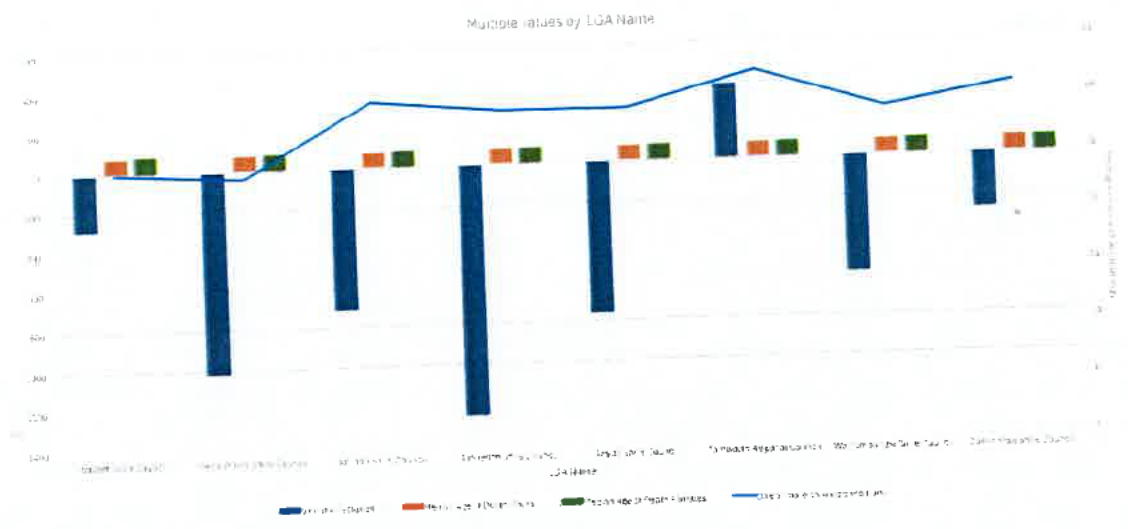
Please let me know if you need further information,

Regards



Carmel Schwager

LGA Name	Workforce Deficit	Median Age at Death Males	Median Age at Death Females	One or more chronic conditions
	-288.81	75.50	84.0	24.4
Wagait Shire Council	1022.10	76.90	83.2	23.80
Moree Plains Shire Council	-712.94	75.20	80.3	30.30
Narrabri Shire Council	1265.54	78.20	82.2	29.30
Guirradan Shire Council	-756.97	78.2	81.80	29.20
Quayle Shire Council	375.67	80.2	83.10	32.30
Tamworth Regional Council	588.80	81.00	84.90	28.80
Warumbungle Shire Council	291.16	80.00	79.20	30.80
Coonamble Shire Council				



Source: Rural Health Mapping Tool, accessed 1 November 2024 <https://www.ruralhealth.org.au/workforce-mapping-tool-iga-total-workforce>