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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Should the Murrumbidgee Local Health District be split into two separate districts?**

The Committee on Community Services is holding an inquiry into the Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District) Bill 2025. The Bill was referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly on 29 May 2025.

The Bill proposes to split the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (LHD) into the Murrumbidgee LHD and the Western Riverina LHD.

'The member for Murray, Helen Dalton, introduced the Bill to split the current district into two separate health districts to provide locally based, planned and delivered healthcare. We will look at how the proposal would operate, its benefits and risks, and whether it would improve health services in the Murrumbidgee area,' said Committee Chair, Clayton Barr MP.

'We would like to hear from the public and interested stakeholders about issues such as the potential impact on the administration of the LHD, funding and resourcing, staffing, and access to health services in rural and regional parts of the Murrumbidgee area.'

The Committee is inviting submissions from councils, peak bodies, unions, stakeholders in the health sector, and the public.

More information on the inquiry and on how to make a submission is available on the Committee's [webpage](#).

**Submissions close on 19 December 2025.**

The Committee's focus is on the proposed splitting of the Murrumbidgee LHD. The Committee cannot investigate individual experiences of medical care.

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