



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Committee on Community Services

Supplementary questions – Narrabri, Tuesday 12 August 2025

Wee Waa Hospital Auxiliary (sub 73)

1. What could be done to better improve communication between Hunter NE Health District Management, local hospitals, medical professionals and the community of the Hunter New England Health District?

Answer: Please listen to experienced concerned locals.

Definite, planned communication between communities and HNEHD is essential. Communities wish to have input into decisions made about the delivery of health services. We appreciate that HNEHD executives cannot fully understand the uniqueness of each community that has medical facilities.

2. Are there improvements that could be made to the delivery of NSW Ambulance services that would better support the health outcomes of residents of the regional and remote areas of the Hunter NE Health District? Please share specific examples if you have them.

Answer: Additional staff and ambulance vehicles are a must. When the service is called out, it leaves a worrying gap, should another emergency arise.

Example: Mr M was taken by road ambulance to Narrabri, then Moree, then Tamworth.

While Wee Waa ambulance was gone, there was a worrying 8 hours where no local ambulance was available.

3. Do you think that there should be more than 2 board members representing the New England/Narrabri part of the HNE Area Health Service District and could this be achieved by adding an extra position? What are the merits of potentially doing this?

Answer: Not necessarily. If all board members represent the people of HNEHD in a grassroots, diligent, and practical way, it would be a great start to make sure the services delivered are actually what the people need, to have the same health cover as our city counterparts.