

**Submission
No 17**

**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE No. 2
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE DELIVERY OF SPECIFIC HEALTH
SERVICES AND SPECIALIST CARE IN REMOTE, RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW**

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We have to travel 800klms return 4 times a year from Glen Innes to John Flynn Hospital, Tugun, Gold Coast, for my husband to see 4 Specialists, Heart, Eye, Endocrinologist and Neurologist. There is only 1 Eye Specialist in Armidale that he could have seen and they never even returned the call for an appointment and as a result my husband has lost 70% eyesight.

A family member has been waiting 4 years for a local GP appointment. My husband has Myasthenia Gravis and no local Dr has any knowledge of this autoimmune problem. If I have to call an ambulance there's every chance they will send us to Armidale. If it's for me, my husband can't drive to visit or bring me home. We have a local hospital but there is never a Dr on duty.

We are both 76 and Health Care is a nightmare on the Tablelands. Our local nurses are great and the local Dr I can see also fantastic. You just don't need any kind of emergencies. Before we moved here I did a check on the medical situation and it was in good condition.

Thanks for listening.

Regards. Sandra Chown