

**Submission
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**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE No. 2
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL HEALTH
REFORM AND GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION WITH REMOTE, RURAL AND
REGIONAL COMMUNITIES**

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As a local resident with family that goes back 5 generations in Gulgong, I am deeply concerned about the impacts of not having a GP here to manage the health issues of our elderly community members.

I care for my 90 year old mother Dawn, as well as work in community Aged Care, and I see every day the avoidable failing health of our seniors due to having no permanent, full time Doctor to consult regularly, and the difficulties faced by all the community in accessing basic appointments in the area.

The wait times are always weeks, often months, in which time a basic health concerns can become critical. Distances travelled to areas like Dubbo, Orange and Bathurst takes its toll on the unwell and aged members of our community.

The local health care providers - Gulgong MPS, Gulgong Community Nursing Services, Gulgong Pharmacy, and Wenonah Lodge and Community Care, Ambulance Services, as well as concerned individuals, have all rallied to help people access vital medical care, and do their very best to assist those in need.

However, we desperately need permanent, full time local GPs to look after the health of our growing & aging population.