

**Submission  
No 3**

**HEALTH SERVICES AMENDMENT (SPLITTING OF THE HUNTER NEW  
ENGLAND HEALTH DISTRICT) BILL 2025**

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As a resident in rural and remote NSW, when we should be experiencing growth and advances in medical treatment in the name of progress, it has become evidently clear that in living west of the ranges means to experience medical disadvantage. Over 50 years ago our local hospital boasted doctors that could perform multiple procedures. This is not the case at the present with a deterioration of services over this time. I live in an economical powerhouse town of Narrabri due to mining and agriculture yet our health services do not reflect this. Travelling to Moree to access a dietician as the Healthwise position was not filled until this month. Having to give birth in Tamworth - 2 hours away should be a basic service considered a mother's right in her local thriving community. The delay experienced in accessing blood test results required for surgery to determine whether surgery can go ahead especially considering travel and accommodation in Sydney being required to have a procedure performed by a specialist. Basic services delivered in a very basic manner. It isn't good enough.