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

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I do not support splitting HNEH into two health districts because the current unit has a scale that allows it to service the total area in a far better operation than two separate area.

This large unit is capable of justifying the engagement of staff and treatment units that are a product of scale.

It also allows the area to have major items of equipment that could not be funded or staffed with two single entities.

Purchasing power is also greater with the combined organisation thus keeping costs down.

The ambulance service is capable of locating patients to areas of expertise.

The helicopter makes the total region in reach of patients. If the area was divided, then the access to the air ambulance and helicopter would become very limited. With the Newcastle area having the major facilities and bank of specialists visiting patients and their supporters have a far superior range of options to support their needs.