

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

Organisation: Tamworth Medical Staff Council

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Dear Mr Barr and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry into the Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Hunter New England Health District) Bill 2025.

The Tamworth Medical Staff Council is the professional body of all senior medical professionals at Tamworth Hospital. I have had the privilege to be Chair of the council since 2020 and have made submissions to

- The Parliamentary Inquiry into Health Outcomes and Access to Health and Hospital Services in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW in 2021,
- The Implementation of Portfolio Committee No. 2 Recommendations Relating to the Delivery of Specific Health Services and Specialist Care in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW in 2024, and
- Special Commission of Inquiry into Healthcare Funding in 2024.

Verbal evidence by myself was given at hearings in 2021 (Gunnedah) and 2024 (Tamworth). These submissions and evidence outline many issues relevant to your inquiry.

The Tamworth Medical Staff Council understands the motivation for the proposed amendment but is unable to provide an opinion about the advantages and disadvantages of the amendment without knowing more detail about what would be involved in splitting the health district. However, we do feel that our experience as the hub for health care in the North West and New England regions would be valuable in your inquiries, and would value the opportunity to participate in the process.

Your faithfully,

Dr David Scott

Tamworth MSC Chair