

**Submission  
No 60**

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

**Name:** Name suppressed

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I have lived in Wee Waa for 41 years.

I had 3 pieces of my bowel removed about 12 years ago. I had a colostomy bag for 4 months and any questions etc were always answered at the Wee Waa Hospital.

For years after this operation and still to this day, I suffer from blockages due to scar tissue. I always had to present to the Wee Waa Hospital who would then call [REDACTED] who would attend to me. [REDACTED] knew my background, would give me some morphine and put me on a drip and keep me in overnight for observation. After [REDACTED] stopped going to the Wee Waa Hospital, they would send me onto Tamworth Hospital. The only problem with this is that I would be discharged the next day and had to find a way back home (3 hours away)

I now suffer the pain at home rather than go to the Wee Waa Hospital because firstly if it is during the night, it is closed and during the day they have no Dr to see me anyway.

I would only be sent onto Narrabri or Tamworth which then in turn fills their bed up for the local patients.

I can not fathom how Hunter New England Health can NOT see this.

What happens when it's a life and death situation!