

**Submission
No 83**

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

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Date Received: 28 April 2025

SUBMISSION TO SPLIT THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH DISTRICT

Our Inverell Hospital is not well served by the Hunter New England Health District.

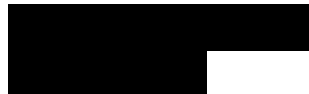
The lack of qualified medical staff, particularly Doctors, has prevented the new hospital from serving the community in an efficient and safe environment. Too many patients are transported to other hospitals because of the lack of suitable staff. This is a hazardous and expensive procedure which incurs additional risks and delays when treatment should be available locally in many cases.

A previous survey and petition indicated that the Inverell and district residents believe that their interests would be better served if the administration of the Hospital were confined to a more localised area with input by local representatives.

I feel that this would help attract qualified staff to the Hospital and make use of the facilities which are underutilised at present.

Trusting that you will consider these vital issues in determining the best way forward to achieving better health outcomes in Inverell and the surrounding districts.

Yours faithfully,
Ron Thorp

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28th April 2025