

**Submission
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**HEALTH SERVICES AMENDMENT (SPLITTING OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE
LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT) BILL 2025**

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MLHD consistently fails people who live outside of the Wagga Wagga LGA. As a teacher in the Griffith LGA, I have seen first hand how MLHD prioritises itself over the western regions of its catchment. In particular is the tragic passing of Dr Max Hopp, the only full time paediatrician available to the majority of people west of Wagga Wagga. Schools throughout the Griffith, Deniliquin and Narrandera zones will have students who now have to wait months for new scripts for medication as MLHD has no plans to replace Dr Hopp, even on a limited basis, meaning these families will need to attempt to find a paediatrician in Wagga Wagga. This does not even relate to the failure of MLHD to make a basic attempt to fully staff Griffith Base Hospital and their gross negligence of Leeton Hospital being downgraded to a "Health Service".

It makes sense for a WRLHD that will care about the people of western NSW rather than bureaucrats currently in the MLHD who truly only care about those who live within 25km of the 2650 postcode.