

**Submission
No 14**

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

Name: Mr Jason Richardson

Date Received: 5 November 2025

G'day,

I write in support of the proposal to create a Western Riverina Local Health District.

In previous years I have observed a variety of issues in local hospitals and been part of a group holding public meetings with all levels of government, as well as agitating for improvements in the availability of doctors in Leeton.

Furthermore, my experience as a community representative in the redevelopment of the Griffith Base Hospital has seen that bureaucrats outside the region have little consideration for local issues.

I encourage you to investigate the benefits, which range from consultation through to the timeframes that travel between our region and Wagga impose on staff, as well as how to best serve the needs of the community.

That last point is important in Leeton, where our Hospital has been underutilised for services and this means patients are sometimes left stranded in a neighbouring town.

Thanks,

Jason Richardson