

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

Name: Name suppressed

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I would like to place on record my support for Griffith Base Hospital to split from the Wagga-centric MHLD. My reasons for this are: Growing up in Griffith in the 1970s and 1980s, if you had a broken bone this could be and was, treated and set in Griffith. Now if you have a broken bone you have to endure a minimum 2 hour drive on bumpy country roads to have it set in Wagga, often having to wait days to actually get an appointment to have this done. Other residents of the Riverina have an even longer trip to Wagga for this treatment. We have a brand new hospital that has been delivered without the promised/ proposed facilities and amenities such as no MRI or helipad. Would city-based politicians accept substandard and pared back medical facilities? I strongly doubt it. Griffith is a large, growing city with numerous villages and towns surrounding it. We deserve a hospital that can cater for our medical needs now and into the future.