



Mr Greg Donnelly  
Chair

Inquiry into Health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote NSW  
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Dear Chair

I write concerning my appearance as a witness for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District at the hearing of the *Inquiry into Health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote NSW* held on Tuesday 1 February 2022 from 2.05 to 3.35 pm.

I would like to amend one point in my response to a question posed about inpatient drug and alcohol detoxification services.

The question was 'if someone in the Shoalhaven requires inpatient detoxification services, where can they go', or similar.

The majority of my response stands, however my comment that the next closest service would be Sydney, needs to be amended to:

- The next closest service would be one hour from Nowra, located in Berkeley (Watershed – a Non-Government Grants Organisation funded under the Ministerial Grants Program, managed by Lives Lived Well, providing residential detoxification services).
- Entry to these beds is via the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District's Shoalhaven or Wollongong Drug and Alcohol Services.

Your assistance with this amendment is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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