

Response to Question taken on notice by Dr Geoff Dutton CSU for Portfolio Committee4

Question: *What proportion of the student intake in each of your schools are students that come from rural and regional areas? Do you know?*

The number of students that enrol into CSU Veterinary courses from demographic regions is shown in Table 1. This shows that most of our intake of students is from the rural areas. There is though variation in the years, although the number from major cities tends to be constant as we do not discriminate location as we select for those students that have a knowledge and commitment to the rural sector and regional areas.

Surveys of our student graduates is a continuing process. This is also used for our accreditation to validate our intake procedures as well as ascertain that our course is assisting in maintaining students within the rural sector. Table 2, although responses are low, does show that students who originate from metropolitan areas all do not return to these areas but stay within regional areas. Furthermore, the majority of our students who originate from regional and remote areas stay and work within these regions.

Figure 1 further shows where our graduates take up employment. This further shows that most of our graduates remain within the areas that would be considered rural. A high percentage remain in NSW although a number do return to their home states. A smaller percentage do move interstate from their NSW origins and a number do later move to the more urban areas.

Table 1: Enrolment into Veterinary Course by regions

Converted Enrolment Count							
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Bachelor of Veterinary Science							
Inner Regional Australia	39	24	31	35	34	22	
Major Cities of Australia	18	25	19	17	19	27	
Offshore	0		0			2	
Outer Regional Australia	5	9	11	11	6	9	
Remote Australia	2	2	2	1	1	2	
Unknown Remoteness	0	1	1		1		
Very Remote Australia				1	1		
Bachelor of Veterinary Technology							
Inner Regional Australia	31	37	53	44	36	49	44
Major Cities of Australia	24	37	38	51	61	66	39
Offshore	1		0	0	0	0	
Outer Regional Australia	8	5	6	7	13	26	4
Remote Australia	0	2	0	1	3	2	
Unknown Remoteness	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Very Remote Australia		0	1	0	2	2	

Figure 1: Map of Survey results from 2021 showing where our graduates are located in practice

