

## **INQUIRY INTO SKILLS SHORTAGES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW**

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I am a computer programmer who is married to a veterinarian. We moved from Sydney to a small town in SW NSW a year ago so that my husband could take up a position as a large animal veterinarian specialising in pigs. The Sydney-based company I work for has allowed me to continue to work for them by telecommuting from my home. If other companies were able to do this for the partners of targetted rural workers, then you may have a lot more satisfied people living in rural areas. Perhaps there could be government initiatives to assist and/or encourage companies to participate in such programs. Might I also suggest that the resulting expansion in telecommuting in rural areas would give Telstra and other telcos a greater impetus for upgrading internet services in these areas.

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