

**Submission
No 84**

**INQUIRY INTO INTEGRITY, EFFICACY AND VALUE FOR
MONEY OF NSW GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAMS**

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RE: NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund

To the NSW Legislative Council Public Accountability Committee,

As an active member of the Cowra community and previous president of the Gooloogong Progress Association I am writing to urge you to recommend the continuance of this program, which has benefitted the Cowra, Gooloogong and many other communities to either grow or rebuild facilities that directly contribute to the success and welfare of these many small communities.

The availability of this funding is as always supported by community fundraising, but it could take thousands of volunteer fundraising hours to accomplish what these grants do. Our local communities are reaping the benefits of the projects and often using the results to encourage others to engage with their communities through business and tourism, increasing the capacity to thrive and become self-sustaining.

I urge you to support the continuation of these programs and support country communities to build their own futures based on local needs and goals.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Docker