

**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ACCESS TO  
HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN RURAL,  
REGIONAL AND REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I would like to see all rural and remote hospitals have a doctor or two available in the hospitals 24hours a day. I had the misfortune of falling ill late one night. I presented to the local hospital. We have no doctor at the hospital, there was no local Doctor on call, so I was told I would have to go to Wagga Wagga, but there were no ambulances available either ( the ambulance drivers had been on duty for 14 hours already). So in considerable pain, my husband drove me the 100kilometres to Wagga Wagga hospital.

When I got there I presented to emergency, I waited in the waiting room for over 2 hours, then went into the other triage room where I was for the next 10 hours. I find this unacceptable in this day and age. Just because we are not in the city doesn't mean we should be treated like we live in a third world country. Doctors in rural and remote hospitals could change this. It would free up ambulances and emergency departments and most importantly save lives.