

**Submission  
No 16**

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

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Committees, enquiries, submissions, so much paper, so many people involved, so many words.

In my small country town of Dunedoo NSW we struggle to manage our health needs as Drs work part time, our MPS has no visiting VMO, our nurses work their hearts out and have to deal with an aging community, the everyday traumas of A & E, the care of the frail aged. Much of the illnesses dealt with remotely on the end of the telephone and computer screen. Nurses need to be miracle workers.

We see government grants come and go. Some see a completion of projects, some don't. I look at some of the funded projects and wonder about their value. Wonder about the moneys spent and who's accountable for it at the end of the day. Wonder why our health needs are not on the top of the list of Government funding. Wonder why every hospital and MPS is not adequately serviced by a Dr. on the spot.

I wonder how another parliamentary enquiry is going to improve care for ordinary everyday sick people. Indeed, I wonder.....