

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

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Living in a rural area of NSW I am concerned that there are inadequate Ambulance and hospital services to Jindabyne and the Snowy Mountains area. During the winter ski season and summer school holidays, the Ambulance service is often occupied with accidents to tourists leaving the local community without adequate service.

A recent case involving a serious accident left my neighbour waiting for considerable time for an Ambulance then at Cooma Hospital having to stay overnight until a bed was available in Canberra Hospital. She waited a further three days before having micro surgery.

The NSW Government has advised the local community that a plan to introduce the Special Activated Precinct (SAP) to Jindabyne & districts will increase the population to the area.

There are no clear plans to upgrade ambulance services or Cooma Hospital to accommodate these increases to the population.

The quality of service by local Ambulance personnel is not at question.

Please consider increasing staff and equipment at Jindabyne Ambulance station and Cooma Hospital should be extended and upgraded to a Regional Hospital, with operating theatres, more dialysis facilities, more oncology facilities, better radiology facilities, more specialists.