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

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This is my story about Manning Referral Hospital. Twenty odd years ago I broke my Humerous at home, taken by ambulance to Manning Base as it was then into a place of care and warmth. I must say I am Veteran's Affairs ...apparently this does make a difference.

My most recent experience was in the case of my son aged 67 dying with lung Cancer.. He was not very happy as the place was shabby and attention slow. He commented that a gardener was brought in to sit beside a troubled dementia patient! Eventually, without reference to me, his mother, he was transferred to Karingal, an aged persons facility, owned by Bushland Place. Care there was acceptable but when it came time for my son to have the authorised Morphine driver I had to shout demanding that be done. I found him at one time roaming a corridor naked looking for the lavatory. I arrived, pressed the buzzer and I heard the poor unfortunate nurse running up stairs, two at a time...very dangerous!

Pre 'driver', two men in white would suddenly appear, walk to my son's bed and virtually manhandle him to keep him still for the Moprhine injection. No acknowledgment of my presence nor of him as a human being.

I must comment on the change of name not really advertised. Manning Base Hospital became Manning Rural Hospital and then without any real explanation, Manning Referral Hospital. Hence, my son's referral to Karingal. This was brought to my attention by a letter to the Editor of MRT by a mother asking the reason her son with a broken arm was in hospital at Port Macquarie when she lived next door to Manning Referral. It seems we in Taree and surrounds think have a hospital but what we have is a heap of concrete under the name Manning REFERRAL Hospital.

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