

**Submission  
No 48**

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

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Doctors should be able to be available in outback towns. Our local doctors quit their jobs here due to cut backs in their wages. Lightning Ridge is suffering the lack of doctors.

I need medical care, I made an appointment a week ago due to the hospital telling me to go to our local doctor surgery, I eventually got to see a doctor, but, I was better. Yes, I was better one week later, I believe if we have to suffer pain, waiting for an appointment, suicide will happen in any small town, when patience have to wait a week, with no emergency services. I am one who suffers pain, I also get migraines which require medical help straight away.

Football, or any sports is not a need for handouts from the government, medical is urgent, life threatening. Act now, before death happens here.