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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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Currently NSW Ambulance provides a far lower level of care to regional NSW than it does for metro based patients.

It does not allow paramedics to gain any further skills once qualified to address the needs of the community.

There are no Intensive Care Paramedics, no Extended Care Paramedics and no Special Operations Paramedics available across all areas to meet the needs of these vulnerable communities.

These specialist skills are only available to patients in metro Sydney who already live close to major hospitals with all services.

This further widens the gap between metro and regional healthcare.