

**Submission
No 65**

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

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Hello committee

My name is Liam

I'm an EEN (div 2) in a small country town of Corowa

I am now doing COVID testing in MLHD

But these have been my past recent experiences

We have a mixture of acute and 1 bed mental health and 1 palliative

In these rural areas we need RATIOS

E.g an afternoon shift and you come on and you get a patient load of 9 or more

You have acutely sick patients and a palliative and due to no ratios you don't get to spend any time with the palliative care patient and are lucky to get a dinner break.

This can't go on, nurses and patients deserve better.

We aren't asking for a lot. For safety so we aren't overloaded.

Having ratios would also provide a much safer environment for both staff and patients.

It's about to ensure that the patients are in the safest environment possible

I think it would a great idea for people on the committee to go into the rural area and see's what happens when hospitals are overloaded and see how it goes in its current form.

Because seeing something on writing and in person is 2 different things.

I hope in due course our state can finally introduce ratios are follow suit of the other states.

This is for your grandparents, your parents, your kids, your grandkids. Please think about this

Thank you for reading this