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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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Tamworth is a regional referral hospital but have not had an ENT surgeon for 7yrs. The weight is so long in Newcastle that kids out grow the paediatric services. There are doctors that fly up from Sydney and work in a clinic here in Tamworth who are willing to operate but have been trying for 2 years to get a contract for the hospital. We have seen one of these ENT for our son but will still have to travel to Sydney for surgery. One of the things they have been told is that we have coped with out it this long so we don't need them. This is absolute rubbish.

There is also a massive gap in mental health and drug and alcohol. And paediatric and adolescent mental health. Tamworth needs it's own inpatient facility. Drs in smaller areas need to be trained to do the mental health assessments and documentation too so that patients aren't left waiting hours in the busy ED for a medical assessment when there is an inpatient bed waiting for them.

There have not been any staffing increases since we moved into the new hospital and already we have out grown it

There is space on the old part of the old hospital that could be renovated to make more room but No One wants to spend the money. The cardiac unit at Tamworth should have been twice the size. The Tamworth Emergency Department is a great place to work but they need more registrars.