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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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As a disabled person with transverse myelitis and other associated health issues including the ongoing need for a neurologist, I find the Port Macquarie region seriously lacking with health care services. When I need the ENT none is available and I have to travel to Coffs Harbour. Same applies to a neurologist and access to mental health. I have a SPC and have been on the public waiting list for ever it seems, to have my bladder flushed as I am in considerable pain. It has been 12 months and still waiting.

Something needs to be done about the length of waiting lists. The base hospital is very much in need of more staff caring qualified staff that have had hands on work rather than some degree from a University without the skills for hands on work, caring and compassion. Considering we are Australia we need to do much better with accessible health care in the region.