

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

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I recently needed a doctors appointment but had to wait till Tuesday to make the appointment, then had to wait till Thursday for the appointment- the practice only opens Tuesday and Thursday! When I did get the appointment it was a new doctor I had to tell my life history as a result it ended up being a 'long' consultation at a cost of \$135! You dont want to get sick too often!

I was then sent for blood tests and a chest X-ray. Had to travel an hour to get them done! Still dont know what was wrong! Went back for results- another \$85. Still no diagnosis! Due to covid all the doctor did was take my temperature and blood pressure. The blood pressure was high as I sat waiting in the waiting room for 50 minutes before actually seeing the doctor!

I had to leave work to go to the doctor so was stressed about the time away from work! I didnt get reimbursed for my time waiting for the doctor! The cost of seeing a doctor is ridiculous and that's if you can actually get an appointment!