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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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I would like to register my concern about the shortage of doctors/ and the situation where there is not a permanent doctor at Wellington District Hospital.

Wellington in the past had at least 5 VMO's in private practise who had visiting rights to the local hospital. AT present we do not have a private doctor (locally) who can admit one of their patients to the hospital and consequently we have to rely on locums (when available) and as such, their continuum of care is much depleted and in times of emergency situations, this is critical.

Wellington needs at least 2 doctors to cover the care of patients, young and old 24/7 We have excellent staff at our hospital who give their all to the patients and our community. My husband and myself (we are both seniors) have always had caring staff look after us but too much responsibility is put onto them at times for it to be safe.

Please give consideration to country folk who need good medical care as well as metropolitan folk.