

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

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Sorry, since writing my previous submission, I have since been informed that the midwifery program at our local hospital has been cancelled all together from once a fortnight to having to make the trip to town for care.

As I said previously we moved for my husbands work. We lived in the city and were enticed to come out to the country solely because of the incentives with teacher housing. A house for our family, and subsidised rent, allowances for living in extreme heat, and the possibility to eventually transfer after doing our stint out west. About 40% of staff are out here solely because of the incentives. Every police officer in our town is here because of their incentives. If we can't get the medical staff, nurses, doctors, midwives we need, then why aren't we enticing them to experience rural living and help small communities thrive. If the government can do it for other sectors then why not the health sector in towns that its struggling.