

Submission
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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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Over the past few years since our local dr has retired trying to obtain an appointment has become extremely difficult. We have had many dr come to town but not stay which makes on going health care hard.

We also have a fantastic dr clinic built onto the hospital that is not being used! After numerous bad experiences with waiting at the local hospital as no dr was on call or the waiting line too long for young children we have found it quicker to drive to a larger town an hour away to go to emergency and be seen.

My husbands past experience was last year with a 5hr wait and still didn't see a dr to have an ultrasound the next day and end up as an inpatient at the larger hospital as it was serious enough to spend 3 nights in hospital.

Yet our local hospital was unable to even see him. It is heartbreaking as I love my country town but it is concerning if you are sick that there is no facilities or care available!

I only pray that my family doesn't need medical care.