

**Submission
No 185**

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

Organisation: Save Murwillumbah Hospital Action Group

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The Save Murwillumbah Hospital Action group have grave concerns for the future of Murwillumbah Hospital.

Murwillumbah Hospital has suffered cuts to various departments including but not limited to: children's ward, maternity services and most recently cuts to nursing hours in the emergency department.

We fear these cuts are part of an ongoing plan to reduce the services available at the hospital and ultimately to close our hospital when the new Tweed Hospital is opened.

Our community and surrounding villages rely on our hospital for the provision of health services and any reductions or closures (especially within the emergency department) will result in worse health outcomes for our community.