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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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Having recently watched the 60minutes documentary on the limited or non-existent education coverage in regional and remote healthcare facilities in NSW I couldn't help think there is a solution.

There are Nurse Practitioners able to be considered as a suitable safe alternative to where doctors are unable or unwilling to go.

As a nurse practitioner myself who already works in regional Victoria and metropolitan Sydney I found myself lost for words at residents in regional areas having to make do with Telehealth or nothing at all and travel long distances for healthcare.

A nurse practitioner can do a significant amount of what a doctor can and is well placed to bridge the gap where services are limited or non-existent.

I feel so sad that there is a missed opportunity here to serve a community, make a difference and possibly even save lives.