

**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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I would like to make a submission about what occurred in Murrumbidgee Local Health District in 2016 when MLHD undertook a restructure they gave approx 20 Managers redundancies in rural facilities these Managers all played a vital clinical role in the facilities and the majority had community connections they worked as midwives, emergency department experience, theatre experience & general nursing - these Managers were replaced by Managers that do not have any hands on clinical care.

Talk to the Dr's at Cootamundra who the MLHD will not pay for them to cover the hospital for emergency presentations at \$2,500 per day but are willing to pay anywhere up to 3 ambulances a day to Wagga at a cost of approx \$9,000.

Experienced staff are leaving in droves as they are not being supported by Area Health Services as they are stressed as only have virtual Drs for the majority of the time - Rural & Remote health care is at a critical level - investigation needs to happen in these areas.