

**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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Gunnedah is a regional mining and agricultural town with a population of more than 8500 people.

I have been a member of this community for over 10 years.

The community has been without adequate GP services for the majority of those 10years.

Patient's have the choice of two GP practices which are booked up weeks in advanced.

Many patients have been told that the GP books are closed.

The hospital operates a 24 hour emergency department that is constantly being used by patients to get into see a Dr.

The community is often angry and disappointed in the hospital staff at the wait times in ED.

The town has grown too quickly for the GP'S to cope with demand.