

**Submission
No 217**

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

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I wish to make points as to why Deniliquin Hospital is in urgent need of upgrades:

1. Deniliquin hospital needs to accommodate Deniliquin and district patients for more hospital procedures so as to avoid huge distances required to travel which is difficult for a lot of people and families timewise and financially.
2. An appropriate maternity wing so patients do not have to go a long way from home to have their babies putting a strain on families once again.
3. Need to be able to get more nursing staff to accommodate items above and give current nursing staff at Deniliquin better working hours. We have great nurses but the workload is just getting to great.
4. To have a full time doctor at the hospital. Our doctors do a marvellous job, but again they are overworked and we do not have enough to accommodate the population in Deniliquin and surrounding districts.

People already travel long distances to get to Deniliquin and we should be able to provide better services as was the case when we arrived in the district some 45years ago. Progress has not improved things in rural Australia.