

**Submission  
No 238**

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

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My name is Robert John Dickson living in regional NSW small town of Uralla which serviced by the Hunter New England at Armidale.

In 2015 I was a patient at the Armidale Public Hospital for minor leg complaint and was hospitalised for approximately one week.

I was expected to be discharge on Friday the 27 of February 2015.

In the early morning of Thursday the 26 at approximately 8:30 am I suffered a Stroke while lying in the hospital bed. There was a nurse present in the room while the Stroke accrued, I advised her that I had suffered a Stroke the only response I got was a nod of her head and she continued to what she was doing. After a very short while I asked the same nurse to call a senior nurse, this she did not do.

Attached is a photo of my face showing my dropped mouth which was taken a day or two after the Stroke by a friend of mine who visited me in the hospital.

Afterwards I obtained a medical records from the hospital which showed an entry by my treating Doctor approximately 2 to 3 hours after the stroke which I was unconscious. The doctor came to me at a later time which I am not sure of because of my condition and informed me that the CT scan which she had arranged did not show any sign of the stroke. Based on that information no medication of any description was administered.

The record shows that a second CT scan had been conducted on the 27 of February 2015 which showed the same result as the day before.

After the Stroke 10 days had elapsed and the doctor arranged for an MRI scan to be done, she came to my room the following morning and announced that I had indeed had a Stroke and a blood clot was present still no medication of any kind was given to me to disperse the clot, following that days and weeks went by with no medication administered as far as I knew.

This was how a serious medical event was handled by this hospital I was about to discharge on the 27 of February and not did not leave until the 22 of April because of the after affect of the Stroke and the neglected of the doctor at the hospital.and being able to be discharged after that amount of time due to their neglect I could not go back to my own home and I had to be admitted to a local nursing home for another approximately 3 months.

I would be more then happy to provide more information that is recorded in the hospital notes and if I can be of any more assistance for further information regard to this submission of mine please do contact me.

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Since then I have been left crippled mainly in my right side which is the side effect from Stroke and require the assistance for ever task in my daily life and it is getting worse by day.