

**Submission
No 251**

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

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I manage a Medical Centre in Nelson Bay. We have 3 locations. We have been forced to close one of our locations because we cannot recruit doctors. Staff will lose jobs. We have 3 week wait to see a GP. Our GPs are at breaking point. Clinical mistakes will be made!

We train registrars but then cannot keep them. Thanks for training, here's some new ones for you to train that you can't keep! No continuity of care! No preventative health! We struggle to see the patients that are sick, let alone the ones that aren't sick yet.

Tomaree Community Hospital will have a crisis because they get all of our overflow. It is not sustainable. We have had to close our books for the first time in 30+ years. We desperately need DPA status.

This area is in crisis.