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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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In the 35 years I have lived in Cobar I've never seen medical care so bad. I have to travel to Orange and Sydney frequently for treatment.

My partner also has chronic conditions that require regular trips to Orange and Sydney.

It leaves us exhausted, out of pocket and planning to move from the town we love in our old age, due to the lack of medical care.

We do not want Telehealth.

We want a hospital that accepts patients - Cobar hospital does not accept patients. It is always empty. The only elderly person who is ever allowed to stay in there is the Cobar Mayor.

Cobar Hospital even recently sent me to Dubbo (a four hour trip) just to have a splinter removed from my foot. I had to drive myself. It was either that or wait 4 hours for telehealth.

My partner has so little faith in Dubbo Hospital due to the appalling treatment she has received there in the past, we both refuse to go there.

Dubbo and Cobar hospitals are dysfunctional. The buildings look nice but a waste of money as the services are non-existent.

Dubbo Hospital has a high infection rate and routinely 'writes off' old people, refusing to treat them. We won't go there.

We pay the same taxes as people in the city. Why can't we have better health care?