

Submission
No 288

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

Name: Name suppressed
Date Received: 10 December 2020

Partially
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June/July 2019 I went to the Drs with bowel trouble and had faecal blood tests done.

August 2019 Faecal Blood test comes back positive, and my Dr sends a referral off to for a colonoscopy, marked urgent.

Dec 2019 I followed up about Colonoscopy with outpatients at the Broken Hill Hospital and found they had marked it semi urgent, and was told nothing could be done till around Feb 2020.

I went back to my Dr and he sent another referral and marked it urgent. When I followed up this referral in March I was told there were no Drs flying in from other states because of COVID19 and no surgery was being done.

July 2020 I go back to my Dr and he sent another urgent referral, by this time I'm in a lot of pain.

10 September 2020 I received an appointment for colonoscopy to be done on the 21st October 2020.

17th September 2020 I presented at the ER with rectal bleeding and pain and was told nothing could be done wait for colonoscopy.

27th Sept 2020 I presented again at ER and the Dr on duty did a thorough investigation and didn't like what he could see. After a few phone calls my colonoscopy was pushed forward to 2nd Oct and there they found a mass, I now have cancer, and 5mths of chemo, 5 weeks of radiation and I will also lose my Bowel.

If this was seen to back in 2019 when it was URGENT, I wouldn't be looking at all this pain, suffering and anguish.