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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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On many occasions my family members have had to travel 150km to Cobar which is the closest hospital to the farm, to only receive poor care or needing to travel an even further 300km to Dubbo.

A lot of the doctors placed in Cobar do not have the understanding or the training to be in such a rural area.

The nurses in rural areas are not given the scope of practice for these regional areas. Such as being able to give sutures.

Nurses in these area needs to be given broader scopes of practice and training to aid in the shortage of doctors.

This would not only aid the doctors but stop the need for people travelling to Dubbo for things such as sutures.