

Submission
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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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I live in a small mining town in NSW. I have lived here all my life. I grew up on the land and now my family live here. We love our life here and do not want to live anywhere else.

Unfortunately I health care services have declined more and more over the years until now we cannot have our own Doctor treat us in the hospital. We are shipped out to Dubbo for anything major, which is a three and a half hour drive away. I have been released from Dubbo hospital without anybody to pick me up. I had to wait for someone to come and get me.

I have been sent to Dubbo recently. When I got there I was put in a bed, not on a ward, I was there for a day and a half and I was given a sandwich. No medication. I have a list of my medication that was given to the hospital, but I never got any. I had to ask for towels and if I could have a shower. I was so upset over my stay. I didn't put in a complaint as we have to go back there for some medical conditions.

I have heard of numerous problems at Cobar and Dubbo hospitals.

I pray that something comes out of this submission.

Our Country is going backwards fast.

We are not moving forward as we should be.