

**Submission  
No 353**

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

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Went to Cobar hospital with acute kidney pain suspected kidney stones they flew me to Dubbo hospital where they done a scan to confirm the stone.

The nurse then told me I was being discharged as the stone was small enough to pass, I had to ring my wife to drive to Dubbo to pick me up and drive back to Cobar all in acute pain.

Got back to Cobar and was admitted back into Hospital where they organised for me to be flown to Orange Private Hospital where they put a stent into my bladder as I had an infection and they couldn't do anything with the stone until the infection cleared.

I was then patient transferred to Narromine hospital where my wife drove from Cobar to pick me up.

I spent 2 weeks at home in Cobar until the infection cleared then I caught the bus and train to Orange Private Hospital to have the stone removed and a couple of days on antibiotics.

Then my wife drove to Orange to take me back to Cobar