

**Submission  
No 360**

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

**Name:** Mr Raymond Dean

**Date Received:** 14 December 2020

---

I And my wife betty dean t has. been a user of the health system fairly frequently My wife suffers frequent minor strokes or similar resulting in hospital admissions .that wait to see a doctor can be up to 3 months especially for specialists.

Recently my wife was refused to be put on the waiting list for the dermatology dept for a skin cancer on the Nose even though two GPs asked for treatment she has had 4 operations previously resulting in 3 visits for hospital day surgery .has been waiting 11 months for a hand operation at Maitland hospital.

I Have suffered a Cardiac arresst in 2009 resulting in a few haospital visits fitr Chest Pain angina the time between discharge and been able to do A follow up with a GP or specialist can be a long time. I also suffer from Ear problems and attend the ENT clinic at The john Hunter Hospital six months between visits no way of been seen if I have a problem My GP reluctant to do any cleaning of my ears because I have Grommets fitted.

The Staff that I see at the hospitals are good but time poor to attend to patients.

When I or my wife attend the specialists privately the wait time can be 3 months or more. Transport to some of these medical center's can also be problematic with out private transport.

I have not attached any file as my computer skills not great.

We are both 84 yrs old and pensioners.