

**Submission
No 362**

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

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A new hospital is best located on the old golf course site at Lawson.

A new hospital is best built on a greenfield site
A hospital can be built on sloped ground; a sportsground cannot

Katoomba hospital's existing site has no land left to build on;
My work in finding the site for the Renal Dialysis unit was difficult owing to steep slopes and the difficulty of minimising bushfire risk;
An annex to Katoomba Hospital built on the show ground and sports ground would sacrifice this precious asset.

Lawson's former golf club:

Is a large greenfield site which offers gently sloping, mostly cleared land
lacks any insurmountable or even serious environmental constraints
is easily accessed from Orient St and Wilson St
is walking distance to the town centre
enjoys better weather than Katoomba
is the favoured location of the local health professional because they know consultants won't go to Katoomba
has no bushfire constraints.