

**Submission
No 364**

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

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If like to ask for help in Cobar so that under 2 years olds can have their bloods taken when required by doctors and specialists at the Lavery Pathology. The lady whom works there is amazing at her job but may need more training or equipment to take blood samples from an under 2 year old. Also the Xray lady who is employed at the hospital is so rude and has been to many locals and doesn't have a good reputation. Maybe some retraining for her to help her also take an xray on babies, she will benefit.

A peadiatrition are a huge must having more specialists come to town and more frequently is a must. Our hospital lacks resources for a new hospital. No baby equipment to check heart rates, foot proab etc. Have the mines get behind the health system. I live near the airport and the royal flying doctor fly to town nearly ever second day, pull the records to see why people get flown out so much and understand what Cobar needs help with. Travelling 600km+ (return) can be expensive, having to take time off work, travel with children isnt easy when they are unwell etc Broken Hill sorce specialists and their hospital caters for a large range, look into how they operate and have our hospital also follow in same steps. Dubbo is so under staffed for the large region it covers.

Cobar needs to upgrade badly to have all the little country towns surrounding visit Cobar not Dubbo and take stress off Dubbo. Educate the Cobar doctors and the medical centre on bourkes resources available instead of having the medical centre just assume Dubbo all the time for medical. No babies can be born in far western NSW, have to go to Dubbo who had at least 5 babies a day and we Cobar locals have to travel and stay in Dubbo for 2 weeks prior to birth, the cost is huge on the families. Have more maternity resources in Cobar, an obstetrician to visit. Get packages to advertise for more specialist to the town.

Have accomidation and nice maintained homes for them to locate here. Also the town needs to swop things too, 2 supermarkets owned by the same person and same specials and produce?? Need a new supermarket for locals to have choice to shop. Also can not buy a bra or undies in this town? Lacks resources. The local chemist needs to stock better stock i stead of just ordering when requested, people want to buy on the day not source from Dubbo or Griffith and have to wait for delivery, management may need help with what to stock and look at scripts and what is needed to be stocked and funded better.