

**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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BONALBO Multi-purpose centre was a very expensive upgrade to Bonalbo Hospital.

However, this facility covers the area between Tenterfield and Casino, yet only has one doctor.

The waiting time to see a doctor here has been two weeks for over a year.

I recently suffered a heart problem that took two weeks for an appointment, two more weeks to get Xray results, four weeks for a specialist (my original referred cardiologist was 13 months), then only 11 days at Lismore Base for the angiogram, then within a week I was having a heart by-pass in the GOLD COAST!

It would seem then that the closer one is to a populated area the faster the medical service is, yet rural areas are the food producers of the country.

Not a good situation for farmers.

The Bonalbo MPS was just a waste of money.

Give us imported doctors as part of their immigration agreement.

Thank you for reading this.