

**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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I was at RPA having an X-ray on my finger. I had some bandages that needed to be removed, to my amazement the lady could not remove my bandage because it required the use of scissors which she was not allowed to use.. I was given the scissors and had to cut the bandages off myself. Now RPA is a big hospital with everything thing on hand and I'm sure we could have found a scissor technician if required. Unfortunately that level of control is not practical when you move away from the major centers and to be franc how pathetic is it when you have trained staff not able to use scissors.

I spent 6 months in and around hospitals when my father was ill starting at RPA and ending up in Dubbo. I could only imagine how my father would have ended up if my family was not there everyday to hold the staff accountable. Far to much time spent sitting at terminals entering data instead of actual NURSING. Dubbo base was extremely poor so much so that they ran out of food for my father and wouldn't be able to get more for at least 5 days.

There is one area that hospitals excel in and that's getting patients to use private health insurance if they have it.. when it comes to making money they come running after the patients.

So when it comes to a small rural town there is no hope of having any sort of procedures done if we can't even let radiology use scissors ✂️..

Solution,

Let people do there jobs Nursing not data entry..

Stop putting the fear of god into people about the consequences of making a mistake and encourage them to be better.

Cut Red Tape

If there were more services in rural areas the that would take the strain off regional hospitals.

40yrs ago in Cobar we could have baby's, set broken bones, minor operations etc etc.

Today we have none of these things WTF! Talk about going backwards it's an absolute disgrace. Pretty sure Cobar over the years and even today provides a lot of tax payer dollars to the NSW government and this is how you repay us 🙏🙏..