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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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Dear Sir/Madam

Enquiry into the Health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote New South Wales

I am a resident of the Blue Mountains and a member of the Leura Gardens Festival Committee (www.leuragardensfestival.com.au).

For decades the Festival has raised funds (approximately \$3,000,000) to help support the Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital.

I understand the hospital is one of the **very few** regional hospitals in NSW to have been greatly underfunded for many years and is now in a particularly poor state of repair (leaking roofs etc).

A high percentage of local Mountain residents are forced to travel to Nepean, Westmead and Blacktown Hospitals for treatment that is not available at our own hospital.

Tomorrow I will be driving a friend to Nepean Hospital for her weekly cancer treatment. While there, I will have the opportunity to see the enormous \$500,000,000 development underway at that hospital.

There are possible sites available in the Mountains for a new local hospital, including the current site which could be redeveloped in stages with multi-level buildings and underground carparking (lack of parking is a huge issue at Blue Mountains hospital).

It's TIME for our turn please!

Yours faithfully

Sue Harris

Resident and end user