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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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My submission will be short. My husband and I have lived in Coolah for some 15 years and have enjoyed the experience. We are now in our late 50 ' s and considering leaving due to the inconsistent provision of doctor services.

Currently my husband has a broken leg and requires regular prescriptions for medication as do I.

We both are fairly healthy but genetics come into play with health sometimes. We live on a property and are concerned at the health care which is slowly dwindling. It is over 80 klms to another doctor.

I cut my finger very badly the other day and my husband dressed it however it probably needed stitches but I wasn't well and was not going to get in the car to drive 88 klms to Coonabarabran to the hospital to wait for their local doctor to become available.

These will be the sort of decisions people will make now. I also suspect thyroid issues at the moment, again finding another doctor and being faced with travelling so far when working is very hard firstly taking time off work and the financial cost as well of travel.

My husband has alot of skin lesions from exposure to sun, now having to travel over 2 hours to Dubbo to get something done.

Alot of people will tend not to travel and leave their health issues until a crisis occurs all because it all gets too hard, takes too long and is costly re fuel etc.

We need help as do other rural areas.

We need dedicated doctors.

Thankyou