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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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Wellington hospital desperately needs doctors to be available 24/7 as nurses are under stress from having to deal with emergencies on their own because locums are not there.

Nurses are leaving because of this. There are not enough GPs in town.

Incentives are necessary to attract doctors to the town including requiring students to commit to practicing in western NSW.

The current crisis will not end unless the system is changed.

This is urgent as the only private practice in town is very short of doctors & may close before long & the population is aging including a large nursing home.

The elderly are mostly unable to travel to Dubbo.

The situation needs fixing immediately.