

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 am writing to submit for your consideration that further investigation and research into gastroparesis (intestinal failure) is undertaken. This is increasingly affecting young people (especially females in their teens / twenties) and the lack of clinical facilities and awareness in the regional and rural areas. Dr Vincent Ho, from Campbelltown Hospital has been petitioning at NSW state level for research and enhanced gastrointestinal services to establish a centre of excellence that would facilitate appropriate medical treatment for this group as they have to travel to Sydney often for extended stays and treatment.

In conjunction with Dr Vincent Ho, Western Sydney University is endeavouring to raise funds for research into gastrointestinal motility disorders / gastroparesis, but requires significant state and federal funding to undertake this on the scale required.

In regards to NSW Health, late last year Dr Vincent Ho (Campbelltown Hospital) was contacted by the Agency of Clinical Innovation (ACI) who had been commissioned by the NSW Ministry of Health to provide a brief on gastroparesis. He provided relevant clinical information and detailed what optimal resources would be required. Hopefully we'll hear back from the NSW Ministry of Health at some point regarding what they plan to do with this.

Please find attached an Access News article that was published in 2019 and the affect it is having on young people and their families due to the lack of medical care available in the rural and regional areas.

I have also attached a Western Sydney University research pdf into this condition in conjunction with Dr Vincent Ho.

Nine News in Sydney also published the following story - see link:

<https://www.9news.com.au/2019/02/11/14/21/australia-news-gastroparesis-stomach-paralysed-unable-to-eat-research>

Thank you for your time and consideration in trying to improve the health outcomes for rural / regional areas.