

**Submission
No 462**

**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ACCESS TO
HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN RURAL,
REGIONAL AND REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES**

Organisation: Regional Cities New South Wales (RCNSW)

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Cr Linda Scott
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Via email: lgnsw@lgnsw.org.au

Dear Cr Scott,

RE: Letter of Support – Regional Cities New South Wales

As Chair of Regional Cities New South Wales (RCNSW) and on behalf of our membership, I am writing in support of your submission to the NSW Inquiry into health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote New South Wales.

As we begin preparations for recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic, the role our regional cities have played has been to provide essential services to our communities. Our cities perform a strong regional hub role, providing a central point to access essential – including the integral health services.

As evident in your submission, the prosperity of regional communities in NSW is directly linked to the critical role our member cities play as regional hubs.

About Regional Cities New South Wales

RCNSW is a newly formed alliance comprised of 15 member councils dedicated to growing regional cities in New South Wales.

Our members are:

- Tamworth Regional Council
- Albury City Council
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Council
- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
- Coffs Harbour City Council
- Griffith City Council
- Maitland City Council
- Bathurst Regional Council
- Wagga Wagga City Council
- Orange City Council
- Armidale Regional Council
- Dubbo Regional Council
- Lismore City Council
- Cessnock City Council, and
- Tweed Shire Council.

Regional cities are fundamental to the success of New South Wales, in light of the bushfires and COVID-19, there has never been a more important time to plan for the future success of our regions.

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact our Secretariat
(New South Wales Lobby Register No: 18169904232).

Yours sincerely,

Cr Tim Overall
Chair, Regional Cities New South Wales
Mayor, Queanbeyan – Palerang Regional Council

CC: The Hon Greg Donnelly,
Member of the Legislative Council,
Chair, Inquiry into Health Outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote NSW.