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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 have had 3rd world health care at Griffith Hospital. I had what I thought was dust in my eye, was in alot of pain and could open it, it happened at work, I was in my work gear. When the doctor called me in he asked if the student doctor could sit in. I said yes, told the doctor what happened got dust in eye, in pain.

The doctor grabs a bandage, pulls a thread off the bandage wraps it around two fingers and got me to open my eye as much as I could he scapped my eye with the strings in flossing type action. As he was doing this the Student doctor asked the other doctor if he should be doing this, at this point I get worried and pain worse.

They get me to waited longer and see another doctor. I am told this doctor is trained in eyes. He had a look at my eye and put drops in that helped with pain. He used a machine that anybody could tell was way out of date and needed replacing, even using the Hospitals only eye machine he couldn't tell me what was wrong, went to optometrist next day, he found I had metal in my eye and scapping with string from Doctor, did not help my retina and made the wound alot worse, on my EYE!

The optometrist informed me to never go to the Hospital for eyes and he was reachable 24/7. If it wasn't for the private optometrist, my sight would be worse. Sorry about my writing. This is just one story. This was around 2009.