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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 husband and I have been patients of a surgery in Gunnedah for decades.

Three months ago we were told that due to a doctor shortage, we were no longer clients of that surgery.

My husband has mental health issues and has to have constant access to doctors.

We are now patients of a surgery in a different town (which we are extremely grateful for).

The doctor shortage in Gunnedah is beyond 'crisis' level.

It is time all levels of government make this situation a priority.

I commend the doctors who have chosen to stay-you are all amazing and I thank you!