

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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RURAL HEALTH

I am a resident of Gunnedah NSW. I was born and raised here, brought my children up here and work fulltime. I am a proud but very disappointed Gunnedah local.

I am submitting this to voice my opinion and disappointment on the LACK of care the Government seems to have for rural areas when it comes to health.

My husband and I have been attending the same medical practice for over 20 years and are absolutely appalled to how over worked and run down the staff are. And now to be informed that our regular doctor is on a leave of absent and they have no one to replace him. With the suggestion to find a doctor elsewhere.

WE NEED MORE DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS.

STOP spending money on everything city and start look after rural regions. People can't afford to travel to the cities to see a doctor let alone take the time off work to travel the 4-7 hours depending where they are going.

Our local council wants to draw more people to the area but how is this possible when we can't even manage to look after who we have currently.

We need to open up more job opportunities, more job opportunities for International Medical Graduates if we can't fill the position.

Make a clause in their training that they have to give so many years to rural areas or offer cheaper uni fees if they agree to moving to rural areas after graduation for a minimum of 5 years.

If we have no doctors we will have no hospital and we can't afford this to happen. HELP bring Doctors to our region.