

**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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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. I write as one who has been Chair and Deputy chair of Bathurst Health Council 14yrs, Bx Palliative Care Advisory Committee 2ys, WNSW LHD District Clinical Council 4yrs. Chair Bx Community Interagency 18yr. Bathurst Regional Council Health Action Committee

The attached documents raise issues about

+ equity of access,

+ lack of critical mass effecting the creation of synergies across specialties, the recruitment and retention,of staff.

+ preoccupation with risk/performance based management that dis-empowers clinicians

+ timely serve provision as close to home as possible.

Eg.whilst hospital-in-the-home and telehealth can be beneficial developments, priority must remain with patient centered care and not cost saving for the organization.

+ the serious shortfalls in Aged care package and disability services requiring a more integrated approach of federal and State govt.

+ Work needs to be done to understand and implement the benefits of models of empowerment over the reliance on the 'fix it' approach to medicine .

This is particularly important in the provision of mental health services.

Thank you and best wishes as you seek to address the inequity in the provision of quality health services impacting rural, regional and remote communities