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

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Throughout my pregnancy for 4th child in 2020 I was under the care of the High Risk Antenatal clinic in Orange NSW travelling each visit from Parkes.

I presented to Parkes Hospital Emergency Department in labour at 37 weeks pregnant only to be informed that no service could be provided & that I would need to present to Forbes Hospital as they would have a doctor available to review my progress.

Upon arrival at Forbes I was met by a midwife who checked my progress then advised me they would not provide any further service as I was booked for a caesarean delivery in Orange.

Around 5 hours after presenting to Parkes I arrived in Orange via ambulance transport from Forbes.

Parkes Hospital most certainly need Maternity & Delivery services returned & Forbes Hospital need to accept patients booked in to outer area hospitals.

I'm only thankful that I made it to Orange where the service provided was of an extremely high standard.