

**Submission
No 576**

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

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Our community of Coolah Central West NSW recently lost their doctor at short notice. Our town of 1,000 has been affected by Sir Ivan Fire 2017, 3 years of drought, COVID and now this. We have an aging population and many of the oldies are very worried. The hospital is offering Telehealth but why can't the government offer incentives for Doctors to come and spend time in country areas.

Policemen, teachers, ambulance officers do their country time but it doesn't seem to work for Doctors. We have a wonderful Community but need some help to make it sustainable.

As a local real estate agent, who can we entice those tree changers to our town when we now don't have a doctor?