

**Submission  
No 595**

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

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# Jamie Gibbins

NSW Parliamentary Inquiry

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Subject:** TENTERFIELD HOSPITAL NSW 2372

Dear Sir

On 5th January 2021 my Grandson, Luke Preston, had an incident where he slipped on some rocks at the Ballina river which resulted in a deep gash on his lower leg. He attended Ballina Hospital where the wound was cleaned and resulted in 10 stitches. It appears that he was discharged without receiving Antibiotics.

On the night of the 6<sup>th</sup> his condition worsened and was taken to Tenterfield Hospital. After a lengthy wait for a doctor, who did not attend, he was given some medication and sent home where his condition continued to worsen so was taken to Stanthorpe Hospital in Queensland. From there he was immediately flown to Toowoomba for life saving surgery as had the Necrotizing Fasciitis flesh eating bug.

Had a doctor been in attendance at the Tenterfield Hospital this process may have been shortened and an accurate diagnoses established earlier resulting in a faster outcome and less anxiety for the family and Luke.

Two nurses have recently left the Tenterfield Hospital which suggests that there may be some issues that NSW Health needs to address.

Sincerely

Jamie Gibbins

For and on behalf of the Preston family.