

**Submission
No 622**

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

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My name is Daphne Calvert and I live in the small township of Warren and here we face many challenges and dangers due to our lack of a decent Ambulance service. Many times relatives have to make the 108 km journey to Dubbo Base with emergency patients for medical treatment. Relatives have to get their loved ones from their hospital beds at the Warren MPHS sometimes at 8 o, clock at night to take the patient for treatment.

The standard of the Ambulance services consists of two paramedics on duty and on call for eight days at a time and it is a lottery if you can get an emergency vehicle as it may have been called to a neighbouring town because they have been left without an ambulance or simply out on another job. I have discussed this problem in length with the powers to be and have been assured every is fine. If a major catastrophe happens west of Dubbo the loss of life will be great.

Our Healthcare problems are made worse by the lack of doctors in this town we haven't had a doctor for the past week. To maintain a proper relationship with your own GP we must travel eighty-five km to Narromine. Appointments with specialists are hard to get many times people have to wait months if they don't have the financial and travel support from their family and friends.

I have spent many hours phoning and emailing my local representatives from state and federal governments and also ministers on occasions on the above matters but things just go from bad to worse....Thank you.