

Supplementary
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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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As of 04.01.2021 Coolah has no doctor. How are the elderly meant to access care, renew prescriptions, have RTA forms completed. One premature baby had to return to Westmead Children's Hospital for appointment. Parents could not access IPTAAS as there is no GP to complete prior to journey. 5 hour trip both ways and overnight stay... father took leave without pay to attend. Not good enough. Coolah has lost HSM and GP after LHD did Not renew the second GP 's contract.

Does this not indicate a problem? Dunedoo does not have the equivalent of a full time GP....and will soon have less with GP going on Maternity leave. Why are GPs not wanting to be contracted to WNSWLHD . Something must be done to raise the standard of both care and access to care. The public are well aware of the poor standard of access to care.... the inquiry should be around why this standard is what is offered. Don't wait until someone else dies.