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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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What the government must seriously consider is that chronic underfunding is costing needless lives to be lost. The lack of funding puts staff in such unsafe and risky working conditions that filling rural positions and maintaining staff is almost impossible. This results in huge sums of money being wasted on agency staff which ultimately cost more than properly resourcing, training and providing good conditions for regular staff to work in.

I understand that health is sadly a business, but if health was being run by anyone who had a clue about properly running a business then things would be done very differently. It's glaringly obvious to people working on the front line the efficiency saving could easily be made whilst implementing safe practice for staff to operate in and increasing patient safety.

I could provide example after example of huge sums of money being wasted needlessly due to executive incompetence, lack of understanding and general lack of interest in the organisations they are tasked to manage.