

Submission
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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 a member of the local health council, after discussion we decided to submit this.

Our town is small and in the West of the State. We have members of our community who have to travel to other localities for dialysis, 3 times a week. This can be anywhere between 100 to 220 kilometres - one way. Some people have had to move in order to gain access to this service. Others have to drive themselves and this become a danger with travel in remote areas. Other members of the community have no access to a vehicle or transport and cannot make the journey, making a decision to forgo the treatment.

Government states that the people in the bush should have equal access to health care, but try living in the bush and you soon find this is not the case.

Could serious consideration be given to the availability of these services or the provision of free transport.