

**Submission  
No 687**

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

**Organisation:** National Farmers Federation

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22 January 2021

The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC  
Chair  
Health outcomes and services in regional, rural, and remote NSW inquiry  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Donnelly,

**RE: Support for NSW Farmers submission into the Inquiry into Health Outcomes and Access to Health and Hospital Services in Rural, Regional and Remote New South Wales.**

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) would like to voice our support for the NSW Farmers Association submission into the Inquiry into Health Outcomes and Access to Health and Hospital Services in Rural, Regional and Remote New South Wales. NSW Farmers have a sound on-ground knowledge of individuals and communities living in regional NSW, including how the current health care system affects their producer members health outcomes and access to health and hospital services.

As the peak national body representing Australian agriculture, the NFF is dedicated to driving innovative and forward-looking solutions to the issues affecting agriculture. The people in our industry are essential to its growth, and we believe that they should be receiving the same standards of care as their metropolitan counterparts.

As highlighted in the NSW Farmers submission, an accessible, affordable and quality healthcare system is an essential service for all Australians. People living in regional, rural, and remote Australia generally have poorer access to health services than people in large capital cities. This inequity continues to be a concern for the NFF, our members and the regional communities they are a part of.

The NFF supports the recommendations made within the NSW Farmers submission. There needs to be meaningful change to the NSW health system's approach to ensure our regional communities are not being left behind.

Yours sincerely,

**TONY MAHAR**  
Chief Executive Officer