

**INQUIRY INTO VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The housing shortage is making it difficult for veterinarians to relocate to where they're needed. I've had to leave or turn down two suitable jobs in regional areas for this reason. In some rural areas in particular, a lot of the housing may be family homes on large blocks, rather than units close to services that are more appropriate for single graduates working long hours. In other areas, the high proportion of holiday houses can squeeze out essential workers like veterinarians. Additionally, many vets live with their own pets, which can make them less competitive in the rental market. Some regional clinics supply housing to their new employees; however, housing attached to an employer can create a power imbalance at work.