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

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Dear Mr MARK BANASIAK

Just a few thoughts on  
the lack of Veterinarians in the  
country - from an old 82 year  
old former country Vet.

In my final year in  
1965 we had 48 students  
but only 2 were ladies. Now  
I hear the Sydney Uni Vet  
school is 70-80% females

In general female Vets  
would rather stay in the cities  
& do small animal work.  
Country work is more mens work  
but there is a lack of Male Vets.

In my day the Vets who  
went to work in the country  
were knock about blokes - who

liked a beer, enjoyed sports (especially Rugby). We were fair students but not brilliant. We would matriculate well enough but not get 98% in the H.S.C exams. We were very sociable & enjoyed country work & country people.

Today these lads would not get a chance to do Vet Science. Here is a few suggestions to improve the situation.

- ① Maybe more interviews with boys keen to do Vet Science but who do not get 98% or so in the H.S.C but do well enough.
- ② In these interviews make sure the boys are keen to work in the country.

③ Maybe students who went to school in the country be given some slack if they say they want to do country work!

④ Possibly some sort of bursary system be set up where students get their Uni fees paid if they promise to work in the rural areas for say five years after graduation

In Summary we ~~must~~ must get more Mex Vets in the country by making it easier for male students to do Veterinary Science

ALL THE BEST

John Lohba