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

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I have had a terrible few years with vets. One particular vet in Randwick charged me \$400 for 10 minute consult where my dog had her leg injured whilst in their Carson oxygen. I had driven to the vet as my dog was coughing a lot. The vet gave me no solution to the problem and my dog was taken home unable to put weight on her back leg. This injury was discussed before I left but there was no apology and I was charged \$400. They advised I go to a chemist and purchase a nebuliser and they gave me a script for Ventolin. On returning home I called the vet and said there had been no change . I was told I would need to call back in the morning . I ended up in a taxi rushing to an emergency vet on the north shore that my best friend paid for where I was told my dog had pulminory lung disease and there was no cure. They at least got the diagnosis and I was able to medicate her for 18 months before just recently paying \$700 to put her to sleep because it was a Sunday. Prior to my dogs emergency visit . The vet I had been seeing operated on my dog to repair a hernia . This cost me \$1500. I explained my situation , I was a single mum and had rescued this dear little dog and adopted her . We gave her love and fed her and she slept with me every night .she was my shadow , I adored her. I'm sure some vets take advantage of this special relationship and know that we would pay whatever they said in order to have them well. The prices are far too high , there needs to be more affordable vet services available to people who don't make a lot of money.