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Dr Joe McGirr, MP  
Chair, Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Health  
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Dear Dr McGirr

**Inquiry into the implementation of Portfolio Committee No. 2 recommendations relating to the delivery of specific health services and specialist care in remote, rural and regional NSW**

I am writing in response to an email from Matt Johnson on Tuesday 11 June 2024 regarding review of an uncorrected transcript of the 3 June 2024 hearing of the above-mentioned Inquiry.

Mr Johnson's email requested the following:

1. Corrections to the transcript within two business days
2. Clarifications of mistakes of fact
3. Responses to questions on notice within 14 days.

In relation to item 1. Corrections to the transcript, the following changes to the uncorrected transcript are requested:

- Where the words "collaborative care" are written (p.3,5,6), please capitalise these as they refer to a Rural Doctors Network (RDN) program, i.e. Collaborative Care Program
- Where the words "health access services" are written (p.3), please capitalise these as they refer to an RDN program, i.e. Health Access Services.

In relation to item 2. Clarifications of mistakes of fact, it would be appreciated if the Committee could consider noting the following clarifications:

- Rural Doctors Network is referred to as the NSW Rural Doctors Network on page 2 of the transcript. The organisation's correct name is "Rural Doctors Network" (no reference to NSW).
- p.3 "... *the collaborative care for rural and remote communities program, which has been jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales governments ...*" – The current five sites have received coordination and program funding from the Australian government and in-kind contributions from NSW Government entities, including NSW Health Local Health Districts.
- p.5 "...*we have five trial sites that have been operational since 2020. Those evaluations are now available, as I said, funded through the Australian and New South Wales governments.*" – As noted above, the current five sites have received funding from the Australian Government and the associated evaluations of each site are also funded by the Australian Government as part of this work. The NSW Government has provided in-kind contributions to a number of these current five sites

and has also funded an assessment of the scalability of the Collaborative Care approach.

- p.5 *“This model looked to bring together five towns where GPs that may have been in there for the last 30 years...”* – This references the 4Ts Collaborative Care site, which comprises the four towns (not five) of Tottenham, Trundle, Tullamore, and Trangie, in the Central West NSW.

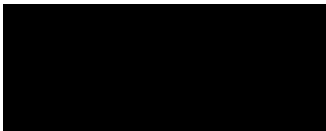
In relation to item 3. Questions on notice (QoN), two QoN are noted:

- Information on the model being trialled at each of the five Collaborative Care sites
- Additional information on when the story of the Waminda South Cast Women’s Health and Wellbeing Aboriginal Corporation be documented and/or published.

RDN will aim to provide responses to both these QoN within the requested timeframe of 14 days, i.e. by 25 June 2024.

RDN thanks the Committee for its invitation to present at the 3 June 2024 hearing, and its continued interest in the welfare of NSW’s remote, rural and regional communities.

Yours sincerely,



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