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Legislative Assembly
Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Health
Chair, Dr Joe McGirr, State Member for Wagga Wagga
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Dear Chair

Thank you for allowing Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network the opportunity to participate in the *inquiry into the implementation of portfolio committee no. 2 recommendations relating to cross-jurisdictional health reform and government consultation with remote, rural and regional communities* as part of the Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Health, on Thursday, 12 December 2024.

This correspondence serves to respond to two supplementary questions and information requests after our appearance before the committee, specifically:

1. Can you comment on whether the number of GP training positions in your regions has increased in the last two years since the PC2 report? (Recommendation 14)
2. Can you provide more detail on how the regional planning framework commissioned by the Murrumbidgee Health and Knowledge Precinct is progressing? (submission, p 5)

Please find following the relevant details to these items in the following pages.

If you require any more information, please contact our Strategic Initiatives and Engagement Advisor Monica McInnes via email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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1. Can you comment on whether the number of GP training positions in your regions has increased in the last two years since the PC2 report? (Recommendation 14)

Accreditation of training places and supervising general practitioners in general practice is managed by the Colleges (RACGP or ACRRM) and are accredited for three-year terms. To our knowledge, the Murrumbidgee region has not received additional training practices accredited in the past two years. We can confirm the single employment model locations are Young, Cootamundra, Gundagai, Deniliquin, Narrandera, Temora, Wagga Wagga (local Aboriginal Medical Service), Coolamon and Tumut. Registrar placements through RACGP and ACRRM have not yet been confirmed for the Murrumbidgee region this year, however, we understand some registrars will be commencing in Griffith and Leeton in February 2025. RACGP advised us this was a direct result of Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network's presence at the Registrar Rural Showcase held in Parramatta August 2024.

2. Can you provide more detail on how the regional planning framework commissioned by the Murrumbidgee Health and Knowledge Precinct is progressing? (submission, p 5)

The One System Integration Working Group of the Murrumbidgee Health and Knowledge Precinct are progressing the development of a regional planning framework to enable health partners to work together with shared principles and focus, to address local health needs and challenges. The Regional Planning Framework aims to:

- Reduce fragmentation, service duplication and identify models of care and service delivery to meet identified gaps
- Support coordination of activities and funding mechanisms to ensure alignment with patients and community needs
- Provide stakeholders with a methodology on how to work collaboratively through a one system approach.

A consultant was engaged in August 2024 and has been working with key stakeholders of the Health and Knowledge Precinct to define our agreed principles, elements for success, roles and responsibilities and a detailed methodology for the planning framework. This engagement has included interviews, survey and workshops. One of the challenges has been achieving a shared vision and understanding of what a regional planning framework could or should entail. The final planning framework is due for completion in February 2025.