

Legislative Assembly
Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Health
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Via email: remoteruralregionalhealth@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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 clarify a mistake of fact in my transcript. I refer to page 8 of the uncorrected transcript where I say:

NARELLE MILLS: *I think the only other one I would highlight is the Collaborative Care initiative. I know that New South Wales has picked up on some funding to help roll out Collaborative Care through the Rural Doctors Network and have started to grow the—there were I think five sites to begin with that the ministry is now investing in for the Murrumbidgee region. We were one of the first sites with the Snowy Valleys Collaborative Care project. We're now working with NSW Health and with the Rural Doctors Network to look at Collaborative Care in one of our other communities of Leeton. It's great to see that investment and that approach to really local-based identification of needs and how we can work together at that community level to make improvements. Again, I'll just caveat that with it's a two-year funding project. Again, comes and goes and really hard to make system changes in such short time frames.*

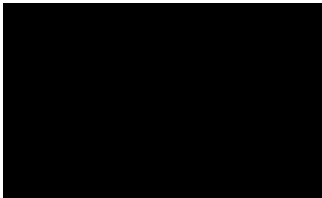
Specifically, my comments here are misleading about the funding arrangements for the initial five pilot sites and the activity we have recently commenced in Leeton, New South Wales as another Collaborative Care site. The initial trial locations throughout New South Wales were

funded by the Australian Government through the Rural Doctors Network, and the Snowy Valleys trial site was one of the five initial sights delivered in partnership with Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network, Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Rural Doctors Network. The Leeton Collaborative Care Project is now being delivered by the same partners but funded by New South Wales Ministry of Health.

I trust this clarifies my comments as recorded in the transcript and can be adjusted to reflect the accuracy of the current and trial site funding arrangements.

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Yours sincerely,



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