

**Submission
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**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE No. 2
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL HEALTH
REFORM AND GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION WITH REMOTE, RURAL AND
REGIONAL COMMUNITIES**

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I make comment on my own experience and local area but feel no doubt a similar situation to ours exists elsewhere.

I live in Mudgee NSW and across the region we have a critical doctor shortage, wait times for an appointment can be up to 2 weeks if you can get one. The pressure on our medical centres here in Mudgee has been that much that they have closed their books to new patients ,forcing residents to travel long distance to other centres or presenting at the Emergency dept of the hospital .This has flow on effects putting pressure on those other service providers. To further add to the problem the satellite town of Gulgong has not had a resident or visiting doctor for some time. This lack of a doctor disadvantages those who are unable to travel or have an urgent need for medical services .A shameful situation for a town the size of Gulgong and also the extra pressure it is under because of the Renewable energy projects underway in its immediate area.

I believe this situation requires urgent attention and hopefully this commission agrees and gets their skates on to address this dire situation.