

**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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As an ex-resident of Gulgong I now live in an area that has excellent medical care options . Gulgong does NOT have this. My son and his family still live in Gulgong and it is very disturbing to realise that they do not have a Doctor available. The two Mudgee Doctor's Surgeries (closest town 30 klms away) have closed their books to new patients - so Mudgee is not an option. Gulgong is a vibrant town which attracts many visitors and it is astounding that there is no Doctor. Telehealth should only be used as a support tool - not as the only option. Telehealth's failings have already been evidenced with the tragedy of Dawn Trevitt's death. The Gulgong MPS and Emergency Department at Mudgee Hospital will become clogged with patients with minor ailments and queries if a Doctor is not found for Gulgong. Please find Gulgong a Doctor.