

**Submission  
No 48**

**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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Gulgong is in need of a doctor in the town, our population 2,680 not to mention surrounding areas. Doctors in Mudgee have closed their books to new patients.

Gulgong has an aging population and needs to have help at hand. Ageing patients are not competent with technology and find it difficult to access TeleHealth. Many of our elderly population have had difficulty renewing Driver's Licences as there is not a Doctor available to complete forms required. Travel to Dubbo takes about an hour and a half. I have recently had to make appointments to see a doctor and after travelling an hour and a half had to wait three hours. The Doctor is run off her feet! Please consider enticing young doctors to the area. Perhaps accommodation could be paid for doctors who make a commitment to stay in the area. HECS fees could be covered. We need HELP!