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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2 years ago I accepted the challenge of reinvigorating regional communities and moved to farm near Gulgong. At the time there were 2 doctors in Gulgong. Not long afterwards I had to take iny intellectually disabled sister as my parents were no longer capable of caring for her.

Now we have zero doctors in Gulgong and the doctors in Mudgee have closed their books. We had advice from our NDIS local area coordinator that we should think about selling our farm, closing our business and relocating back to Sydney. Surely this is not the plan for regional NSW.

We provide employment and opportunities for local people and contribute to the local economy.

We are in the middle of a renewable energy zone. Population is booming yet services already under stress are decreasing..