

**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  
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Rural Australia deserves everyday health facilities. The town of Gulgong struggled when we had 1 doctor, now we don't have a doctor at all. It is our human right to have proper health facilities and easy access to these facilities. We are now forced to just put up with our health issues or travel great distances. This is going to cause more severe illnesses and death. The medical centres are over capacity and understandably closing their books. This is forcing people to attend emergency at their local hospitals which is in turn clogging up the ER for more emergency health care. We understand this doesn't have an overnight long term solutions, but something temporary has to be done quickly to help the situation.