

**Submission  
No 66**

**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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Partially  
Confidential

I'm a resident of Gulgong

The current medical system is failing and only seems to be getting progressively worse.

I'm a 40 year old woman. I'm fortunate to be healthy but with the doctors surgery I belonged to recently being closed down, I no longer have a doctor or any clue how I will continue getting the very little ongoing care I need.

Online doctors don't cut the mustard in terms of GP care and continuity of care.

Our city friends would not stand for the appalling standard this of us living in a regional NSW have to accept.

This community is a growing regional town within a thriving tourist area and we don't have a doctor.

Our nearest town Mudgee doctors will not take on new patients, the nearest centre of Dubbo have are not taking on new patients either. I can only imagine the stress others in this community feel at the prospect of travelling 2.5 hours to Bathurst or 3 hours to Orange to see a doctor.

This system is not supporting the regions.

Our hospitals are being stripped of beds and services

Our major regional emergency centres are becoming increasingly burdened by patients from surrounding towns that can't see a doctor or get medical care.

Regional people are at risk because of this, what can be done to support regional health care?

What incentives can government offer doctors to ensure we are getting GPs to regional NSW?

What can be done to ensure residents of NSW have access to a doctor in their community?

This is a 000 call to get GPs to regional NSW now!

I'd prefer to remain anonymous I'm happy for you to publish the submission anonymously.