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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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Imagine not being able to get onto the doctor for over 5 weeks the paying 1

\$120.00 for the 15min. No bulk billing at all. My husband had a year and a half to get diagnosed with a really bad hernia. Whole Stomach was outside the abdomen. Specialist only visits once a month. Then he could do it so referred to dubbo 4 month wait. Then he said was too severe for him to operate. In mean time hubby very sick unable to work properly. Referral to sydney finally got in within 2 weeks. Specialist wanted to operate 3 days later. Booked In and was operated on through public system within 2 weeks. Why did it take 1.5 years to get to a specialist to then find out this was an emergency. Wtf! This is why regional people die ! Not good enough. We are paying the same tax as city. We have health cover which does nothing for us here. No specialists no private hospitals. We pay for everything inc a doctor visit. Where is our tax cuts because we get sub standard care!!!