Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales

The undersigned petitioners bring to the attention of the House the need to stop cuts to regional and rural health services, such as removing essential drugs and equipment for Intensive Care Paramedics from non-Category A and B stations and vehicles and closing the NSW Health Pathology lab at Cootamundra Hospital. These cuts will result in the further loss of services, cause longer delays in treating illnesses and further strain already overstretched regional healthcare services.

We bring to the attention of the house the current government's decision to:

1. *Remove essential drugs and equipment from non-Category A and B NSW Ambulance Stations and Vehicles, limiting Intensive Care Paramedics' ability to perform their duties and putting rural lives at risk.*
2. *Close the NSW Health Pathology Laboratory at Cootamundra Hospital, to the detriment of both the local pathology team and the wider community.*

The undersigned petitioners, therefore, ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the Government to:

1. *Reinstate essential drugs and equipment for all non-Category A and B NSW Ambulance Stations and Vehicles, enabling intensive care paramedics to perform their duties to the fullest extent of their training, skills and experience.*
2. *Maintain NSW Health Pathology Services, including the Cootamundra lab, to support regional communities and prevent the loss of other services such as maternity and theatre.*

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