

PLEASE HELP SAVE OUR WEE WAA HOSPITAL

**To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,
The petition of the supporters and residents of Wee Waa and surrounding rural and remote areas
Brings to the attention of the House.**

Since May 2023, Wee Waa Hospital has been operating with restricted daily hours from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm, without an onsite doctor. These restrictions have caused significant hardship, especially for elderly residents, palliative care patients, and those requiring emergency care. Wee Waa Hospital, managed by Hunter New England Health, remains under restricted operation with no resolution despite ongoing community advocacy. Limited public transport and no local taxi services further exacerbate access issues for residents needing to travel to Narrabri for care. The lack of action on this issue negatively affects health outcomes for the Wee Waa community, which are already poorer than neighbouring areas.

The undersigned petitioners ask the Legislative Assembly to

1. Direct Hunter New England Health to urgently provide Wee Waa Hospital access to an onsite doctor.
2. Restore the 24-hour operation of Wee Waa Hospital, including emergency services, inpatient beds (general medicine, rehabilitation, respite, and palliative care), outpatient services, and primary and community health care services.
3. Require monthly reporting from HNELHD to the Minister for Health, the Member for Barwon, and the Mayor of Narrabri until full 24/7 operation and onsite doctor access are restored.

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Wee Waa Newsagency
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