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From: MOH-Minister
Sent: Tuesday, 21 February 2023 4:53 PM
To: murray@parliament.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Correspondence from the Parliamentary Secretary for Health - Your Ref HD5024 - Our Ref M22/5088

Dear Mrs Dalton

Thank you for writing about ambulance services for the residents of Tocumwal and Moama. Minister Taylor has asked me to respond.

I acknowledge your concerns and appreciate your interest in this matter. I share your concern & interest in this matter, having also raised it previously with government following representation by the local community of Tocumwal.

I am advised NSW Ambulance Service Planning has identified that based on current demand and projected growth, both Tocumwal and Moama are not currently the highest priority locations for the establishment of additional services, relative to other locations. NSW Ambulance will continue to monitor demand in these areas for future decisions about new services.

I am also advised that when an ambulance is called to respond to an incident in any border town, the closest ambulance vehicle to the incident will respond, regardless of which side of the NSW or Victorian border it is located.

On 5 June 2022, the NSW Government announced \$1.76 billion over four years to fund 2,128 staff and build 30 ambulance stations. The funding will provide NSW with 1,858 paramedics, 210 ambulance support staff, 52 nurses and eight doctors. The paramedics will be based in both regional and metropolitan areas.

Work will begin on constructing eight ambulance stations as soon as possible. Another 22 stations will be built over the following ensuing years, with locations of the new stations to be announced in due course. This will substantially grow the network of ambulance stations servicing growing populations across the state.

Thank you again for writing. For more information, please email [REDACTED] Executive Director, Clinical Systems, NSW Ambulance, or call her on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Justin Clancy MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Health