To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Eurobodalla Shire within the NSW Electoral District of Begand other concerned residents of New South Wales and neighbouring territories.

We the undersigned bring to the attention of the House that;

Constrained to limited services by their division of resources, Eurobodalla health services are disadvantaged relative to our nearest Regional and Base hospitals.

The combined numbers of services at Batemans Bay and Moruya District Hospitals are equal to or outnumber those of established regional or base hospitals within the Southern NSW Local Health District,

outnumber those of established regional or base hospitals within the Southern NSW Local Health District, such as South East Regional Hospital and Goulburn Base Hospitals, which currently provide Intensive Care, Critical Care and Mental Health services.

Within the distance of three hundred kilometres, there is no regional hospital between the Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital and the South East Regional Hospital, thus restricting equitable health care to the residents of the Eurobodalla Shire.

There is an urgent and dire need to immediately improve Accident & Emergency, Critical Care and Perioperative services in the Eurobodalla Shire.

The undersigned petitioners therefore respectfully ask the Legislative Assembly to direct the Minister for Health to;

Provide immediate improvement to the Accident & Emergency, Critical Care and Perioperative services of the Eurobodalla Shire by funding and upgrading the existing infrastructure and workforce.

Commit to the funding, planning and building of one new regional hospital for the Eurobodalla Shire, located at a site providing equitable accessibility for the people of the Eurobodalla, which will provide medical services equal to those of the Regional and Base Hospitals within the Southern NSW Local Health District.