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Dear Ministers,
Tamborine Mountain health services - Modified Monash Model

I am a resident of Tamborine Mountain, Queensland and am extremely concerned about the implications of the reclassification of this area as MM1 – the same classification as a major city.

This is an area of about 7,500 residents of predominantly young families and older people, many of whom are pensioners.

Under this new model of rurality (MMM), the community will experience a significant loss of amenity in respect of health care from our medical and other services.

It should be pointed out that:

- 1) The mountain has no public transport services.
- 2) This is a plateau with four steep, narrow, winding and dangerous access roads.
- 3) The nearest hospital is 40 km away, with a 2 hour round trip.
- 4) The loss of a rural loading to Practice Incentive payments, Practice Nurse Incentive Payments & the rural bulk billing incentive has the potential, due to unprofitability, to threaten the level of services available.
- 5) Our medical practices are already under strain due to the area's lack of town water/sewerage and several other constraints experienced in typically rural areas.
- 6) Tamborine Mountain medical practices also service residents in its catchment area – the village of Tamborine(MM2) and the districts of Boyland (MM5), Wonglepong (MM4) and Biddaddaba (MM4)..

It is understood that this classification will also negatively affect aged care services, child care and arts funding.

I request that the decision to categorize Tamborine Mountain as MM1 be reviewed.

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Further comments
