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As a patient with 3 young children and 2 elderly parents also patients of an excellent rural GP Practice I feel very strongly that the current level of service we have needs protecting and preserving – something that these new proposals entirely put at risk.

The problem is not that modern urban practices aren't also good & deserve to be better, but that these changes can't be executed in a way that works for ALL. As has been many times stated, the demands of rural practices are so entirely different that the one-size-fits-all approach is not acceptable and clearly detrimental to a large minority of the population.

Our community has been – unprecedentedly some would say – united in the face of these intended disruptions. Health is a highly emotive issue and is foremost in people's minds when thinking about what they want from the public sector. They also trust and take to their hearts those in the medical profession who have served them so well – in short when we are told by our medical teams that this does not work for either them, or us as patients, we believe them.

Palming off these genuine and heartfelt concerns or rebutting with glib assurances and not addressing the underlying vulnerabilities is not sufficient. Robust action is required.