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To whom it may concern

As an Australian whose family has lived in remote areas for six generations, I am writing to **support** the recognition of Rural Generalist Medicine (RGM) as a specialist field.

Too many rural and remote Australians do not have equitable access to appropriate health care and the situation has been deteriorating in recent years.

The requirement to travel for care has significant and broad ranging negative outcomes for remote communities and their health and safety. Lack of provision of local hospital and advanced care services effectively transfers the burden of patient safety and healthcare costs from health systems to remote patients and their families.

We **know** that the advanced skills embedded in Rural Generalists training will provide services within a system of care that is aligned and responsive to community needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours sincerely

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