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After 28yrs of living in this community, the absence of medical professionals in our town of Mission Beach is appalling. For the second time in 5 years we are without a GP and have to travel to Tully or Innisfail for any medical treatment.

In September 2021, and after receiving advice for \$80 from Tully Medical Centre that I needed an MRI at Cairns for my knee..\$160, I couldn't get an appointment at Tully Medical Center for 2 months to discuss what was the problem and what my options were, another \$80. By that time my health had deteriorated and because of my inability to exercise or walk my left leg swelled, I had pains in my chest. I finally got a follow-up appointment at Tully Medical Centre and found I had bloodclots and had to drive to Innisfail Imaging for confirmation, then present myself to Innisfail hospital and wait for an ambulance to collect me from Innisfail hospital to transfer me to Cairns Base Hospital. Luckily I didn't die and can inform you of my plight..surely I'm one of hundreds. What are your plans to correct this problem that is only going to exacerbate now that every Tom, Dick and Harry want to come here and live?? Have you bothered to address the shortage of medical staff that is getting worse in regional towns? Perhaps you should shelve your grandiose plans for the Olympics considering the Commonwealth Games was an embarrassing sham, and concentrate on the Health of Queensland towns?

Awaiting your reply

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