I can't believe that in this day and age, that we are fighting for health services. We are not a third world country, our services should be getting better not getting taken away!

I can't believe that sport seems to be the most important thing in this country, Don't worry about people suffering, hospitals closing, poverty, what about those poor footballers that have too much money, boo goo they get so much fame and can't handle it, oh terrible, better spend more money on helping them than worying about people needing crucial emergency care! It just seems to me that this government/ country need a good look at what the real important things in this country/ our lives, what is really important and what is just entertainment. Yes I enjoy watching fireworks etc, but I'm sure if you asked people what if would prefer, is watching fireworks New Years or getting medical attention, I'm sure that's a no brainer.

I have a 5yr old and an 18month old, who have both used the Colac Emergency department, and my self being an asthmatic my self would be horrified if I was having an attack and was told I'd have to drive another hour before treatment, I may not make that hour. I carry and use medication for this, but occasionally I don't have control over this. The problem I have then is if I needed an ambulance the only medication that they carry on board is the same I use anyway, which if I am having a serious attack this wont help much more than self medication. So taking in mind that I may have to travel over an hour to the next hour by car or ambulance is ridiculous when we have a fully caperbul hospital here. Then apparently there is less ambulances in colac, so I could be waiting anything up to 2 hours if I'm waiting for an ambulance to come back from Geelong first.

I don't know where the money gets allocated, I know the government are so worried about trying to get this surplus sorted, there so worried about that, sure take the money away from one of the most important things we need to look after.

Mabe we need to stop spending money on building more roads for a while and concentrate on keeping up with the maintenance of the ones we already have.

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