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I've lost count how many times in my adult life that I've used Colac's A&E services! I've had to bring my mother in law in who was having trouble breathing. I've had myself & my daughter in for stitches and the last 4 visits were for my son who use to suffer from croup. The scariest part was knowing that I had to drive 25 minutes to get to Colac to A&E and several times, I contemplated using the ambulance service but worried that they'd take too long to get to us.

I can't even imagine what I'll do if the Urgent Care Department after hours is closed down! Winchelsea is about 35 minutes away and Geelong is further at a good hour! Our only choice then is to call an ambulance and hope and pray that they won't take too long!

It's about time that funding actually went into hospitals instead of going out of the country funding some other ridiculous cause. Our country and the people who live here should come first!

How many people will need to die first before you realise that you've made a mistake? Take a stand and do what's right for Australian's! Look after the services we have and make it better for generations to come.

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