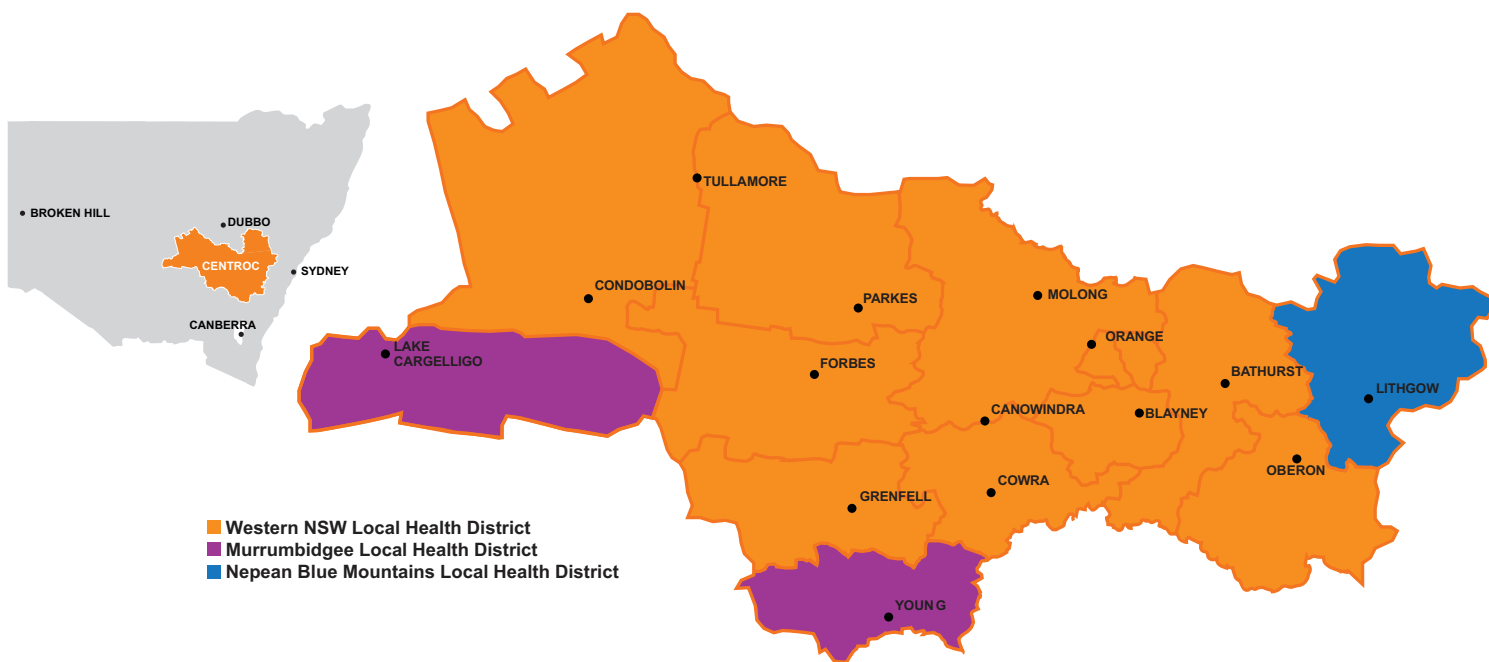


UNDERSTANDING HOW THE THREE TIERS OF GOVERNMENT RELATE TO HEALTH

The **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** is primarily responsible for health service funding; regulation of health products, services and workforce; and national health policy leadership.

The **STATES GOVERNMENT** is primarily responsible for the delivery and management of public health services (including public hospitals, community health and public dental care), and the regulation of health care providers and private health facilities.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS fund and deliver some health services such as environmental health programs and are also increasingly involved in the attraction and retention of health workforce.



STATE GOVERNMENT

NSW is divided into Local Health Districts (LHDs). LHDs within Central NSW Councils area (see above);

Western NSW Local Health District <http://www.wnswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Murrumbidgee Local Health District <http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District <http://www.nbmlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/>

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Federal health districts, previously known as Medicare Locals, changed to Primary Health Networks (PHN) in June 2015. The two PHN in the Central NSW Councils area are;

Murrumbidgee PHN

Western NSW PHN

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/phn-locator>