



NOTICE OF MOTION

8th February 2005

NOM1	FUNDING FOR NSW HEALTH SERVICES
	FILE: * CLR JHB

Notice is hereby given that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Kempsey Shire council scheduled for 8th February 2005.

"That the State Government be requested to implement the recommendations of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART) as from 1 July 2005 to ensure a more equitable allocation of funding for NSW Health Services

That Mr Andrew Stoner MP Member for Oxley, the Local Government and Shires Associations, the Country Mayors Association and the Mid North Coast Group of Councils be requested to support this motion".

NOTES:

In December 2002 the Director General of NSW Health asked the Tribunal to review NSW Health in the context of NSW Health's four key goals: healthier people, quality health care, fairer access and better value.

The report of IPART found that NSW Health's performance against each of the four goals can and must be improved.

To achieve more equitable health outcomes and more effective arrangements it was recommended:

- The system of three year budgets be extended to four year rolling budgets, revised annually
- The Resource Distribution Formula be revised to take into consideration growth and particular circumstances such as the Aboriginal population (the Tribunal found the differences in health status between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians provides the most extreme example of inequity in health outcomes across the country).

It is noted by the Mid North Coast Regional Development Board - The Mid North Coast has a high proportion of indigenous people with each individual L.G.A. having higher indigenous representation than the state average - Kempsey 8.5% - New South Wales less than 2%.

The lack of support for Health Services for the Kempsey District Hospital certainly reflects the findings of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW and the need for urgent review.

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Councillor J H Bowell