



## **DELEGATE'S REPORT**

11th April 2006

<b>DR1</b>	<b>KEMPSEY HEALTH CAMPUS SERVICE AND MASTER PLANNING</b>
<b>FILE: 757</b>	<b>JHB {Folio No. *}</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on attendance at the Steering Committee meeting held at Kempsey District Hospital on Wednesday, 15 March 2006.



### **DESCRIPTION:**

The recommendations submitted included: -

- Review Intensive Care Unit capacity
- Role of the Kempsey District Hospital Critical Care network
- Review operational activity and efficiency at Kempsey District Hospital
- Enhanced Renal Network
- Provision for Obstetrics including public antenatal services
- Day surgery focus on scopes as part of surgical services
- Community Health Services within Community

### **Planning Assumptions for Kempsey Health Campus**

- Will provide day and short term surgery
- Will not provide emergency surgery other than Caesareans (except under exceptional circumstances)
- Will not provide Tertiary surgical services
- Increased volume of care to older people with no increase in acuity
- High Dependency / Clinical Care Unit maintained for stabilisation and transfer of ventilated patients
- Emergency Department will be closely linked with P.M.B.H as part of the Critical Care Network
- Ambulatory models of care will be established and enhanced to service demand of aged and Aboriginal patients

- Community Services and Allied Health will need to be enhanced commensurate with increases in in-patient and Ambulatory models of care
- Current level of paediatric in-patient services will be maintained
- Support services will be maintained – Pharmacy, Pathology, Medical Imaging
- Mental Health Services will be maintained, and enhanced

## **Challenges**

Maintaining and strengthening the role of Kempsey District Hospital as part of the Hastings / Macleay Network.

It was stated that 70% of Shire residents requiring hospitalisation are serviced at Kempsey District Hospital – 85% within Hastings / Macleay Network.

## **Bed Numbers**

The respective requirements for the next ten (10) years have been calculated which will allow for planning to proceed.

## **Options**

- Do nothing
- Refurbish existing buildings
- Erect new hospital wing and retain existing building for Community Health
- Construct complete new Hospital and Community Health Building (favoured option)

## **Master Plan**

It is anticipated the Draft Master Plan will be available by the end of April and will be available for community input. On acceptance at the local level it will be referred to the Executive, North Coast Area Health Service and then to the NSW Department of Health.

The availability of the required funds will obviously then become a political exercise.

## **Accommodation**

A proposal for the provision of (motel style) accommodation for visiting GP's etc and medical students is to be given consideration.

## **Ambulance Cover**

Immediate planning to be instigated to provide for adequate protection from the elements at the delivery point of patients.

## **Summary - Council and community submissions**

Reference was made to the provision of involuntary mental health beds and a secured section of the Emergency Department for treatment of correctional centre patients.

No mention was made to the matter of Dental Health or proposals for enhanced Health Education within the school education system.

### **Health Care Services Plan 2005 - 2008**

The North Coast Health Care Services Plan is the primary strategic document for the delivery of clinical services to the residents of the North Coast area, and provides for the development of separate, more detailed and comprehensive service, stream and facility planning.

The Master Plan in the course of preparation embraces health services provided within Kempsey Shire, not just Kempsey District Hospital, and extends to the Hastings / Macleay Network.

### ***REPORT IMPLICATIONS:***

- ***Environmental***

***Nil***

- ***Social***

***Nil***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***Nil***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***Nil***

- ***Review***

***Nil***

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **That community organizations be provided with a copy of this report and reference be made to the progress of the Health Care Services Plan for Kempsey Shire in the Mayor's Column.**

2. That the North Coast Area Health Service be requested to reflect its concern with the standard of oral health within Kempsey Shire by the urgent provision of a substantial increase in resources for an effective and efficient dental service at Kempsey District Hospital.

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**COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL**