



NOTICE OF MOTION

12th December 2006

NOM1	KEMPSEY HEALTH CAMPUS - CLINICAL SERVICE PLAN
FILE: 757 CLR JHB	{Folio No. *}

I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday, 12th December 2006.

"That Mr Andrew Stoner, MP Member for Oxley, be requested to make representations to the Minister for Health in respect to the implementation of the Kempsey Health Campus Clinical Services Plan."

NOTE:

The "NEW" section of Kempsey District Hospital was opened in 1962. The whole hospital complex has well and truly surpassed its economic and structural use-by-date.

The population figures unfortunately are also well out of date. From information available it is indicated that the Shire's population in 2005 was 1,100 more than the Department of Planning projection for 2016 and the population is estimated to continue to increase significantly.

Whilst the plan acknowledges the current disadvantaged component of the population it must be recognised Kempsey Shire will, like many coastal councils, experience an increase in the aged population.

MOTION IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Not applicable

- ***Social***

The Plan recognises the resident population is characterised by having a large disadvantaged component. However, it is severely flawed in that it is stated "The Kempsey LGA is not projected to experience substantial population growth for the next ten years, with a population increase of only just over 1,000 additional population projected for 2016."

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Council's costs in the preparation of a submission to Mr Stoner would be \$50-\$60. The construction of a new hospital in Kempsey will result in the expenditure of \$60m to \$75m creating employment opportunities. The establishment of a regional base for the Ambulance Service and the enhancement of community health services will also be greatly beneficial.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Both Council's Social Plan and the Ecologically Sustainable Development Strategy identify the necessity for a new hospital and enhanced community health services.

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL