



NOTICE OF MOTION

13th June 2006

NOM2	MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION
FILE: 419	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, 13th June 2006.

- 1. That the Social Strategic Planning Committee request the Health and Ageing Working Party and the Youth Working Party to consider a proposal for the creation of community based services to address early intervention in the field of mental health and suicide prevention.*
- 2. That representations be made to Messrs Mark Vaile, MP Member for Lyne and Luke Hartsuyker, MP Member for Cowper requesting details of available recurrent funding for services provided for early intervention and prevention in the field of mental health and suicide prevention.*
- 3. That Mr Andrew Stoner MP Member for Oxley be requested to advise of details of funding which may be available to Local Government for the improvement of Mental Health Services, particularly in respect to early intervention and prevention.*
- 4. That Council facilitate a meeting with representatives of the North Coast Area Health Service and the Department of School Education in respect to the establishment of a program proposed for the early intervention in the field of mental health and suicide prevention.*
- 5. That the matter of Mental Health Services be referred to the Strategic Alliance Group for consideration within their agenda."*

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL

NOTES:

In March 2005 the Senate created a select committee on mental health, to conduct a wide-ranging inquiry into the role of primary health care in promotion, prevention, early detection and chronic care management.

In April 2006 the Prime Minister announced federal funding of \$1.8 billion over five years to improve mental health services in Australia.

The recommendations of the committee include: -

- Delivery of community care, prevention and early intervention, providing a more appropriate balance between these services and acute and emergency care.
- That the Australian Government allocates recurrent funding to ensure prevention and early intervention programs in the education system are ongoing, including funding for evaluation and continuous improvement of these services.
- That Local Government provides leadership through endorsement of the creation of community based services for people with mental illness in their jurisdictions and through helping overcome stigma and community resistance to such services.

It is not intended, by this Notice of Motion, that Council becomes responsible for provision of such services.