



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

8th May 2007

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SUMMARY:

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DESCRIPTION:

On Thursday 19th April Deputy May Cr John Bowell and I met with Mr Chris Crawford CEO North Coast Area Health Service and Mrs Lee Crawford EO Kempsey District Hospital.

Mr Andrew Stoner MP Member for Oxley was also in attendance.

In December 2006 Council resolved that representation be made to the Minister for Health to request the early implementation of the Kempsey Health Campus Master Plan.

With the State Election set down for March 2007 the Minister arranged for the meeting to be held with Mr Crawford.

The Master Plan which supports the redevelopment of Kempsey District Hospital had been referred to the NSW Department of Health in November 2006.

Mr Crawford advised that the Department of Health had noted the Kempsey Health Campus Master Plan.

Note: The Draft Mid North Coast Regional Strategy released recently did not include for the redevelopment of Kempsey District Hospital within the Mayor Infrastructure Projects for 2006 – 2016.

Mr Crawford disagreed with the population projections provided by Council (i.e. 33548 by 2016) advising the Area Health Service are required to depend on NSW Department of Planning for population projections (28530 2016)

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics the population of Kempsey Shire as at June 30 2006 was 28783 (official figures)

It is understood that the next step in the Hospital redevelopment process is the preparation of Services Procurement Plan.

Mr Stoner has agreed to approach the Minister for Health Ms Rebba Meagher MP to request that the Minister make a visit to Kempsey as a prelude to the preparation of a Services Procurement Plan Recommendation for Kempsey District Hospital.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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E A Green
MAYOR