



NOTICE OF MOTION

9th October 2007

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| NOM1 | KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL |
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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 9th October 2007.

"That Council write to the Minister for Health the Hon. Reba Meagher MP to ask if she can address the staff shortages at Kempsey District Hospital and to point out the detrimental effect that this is having on our Community."

NOTE:

- Due to staff shortages this has meant that the Surgical Ward has closed.
- The spin off from this is that the Emergency Department becomes overloaded due to there not being enough beds available to admit patients.
- Patients are being treated in corridors and our Ambulance Service is being tied up because they cannot leave their patients unattended on trolleys in the corridors. This means patients have no privacy while being treated.
- In recent times it is not unusual for patients to wait for 6 – 12 hours until a bed becomes available.
- Nursing Staff are frequently being asked to work double shifts due to staff shortages, and when this happens regularly, it becomes a safety issue for both patients and nurses.
- Before the closure of the Surgical Ward due to staff shortages, hardly any of these delays were experienced.

MOTION IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

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- ***Social***

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- ***Economic (Financial)***

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- *Policy or Statutory*

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COUNCILLOR R H McWILLIAM