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Attention: Ms Ingrid Berzins.

Dear Ms Berzins,

RE: Wollongong Private Hospital Expansion, Application SSD – 30240120

- 1) I am over 70 years old and so health and possible hospital admission is very important to me and most people in my age category.
- 2) My elder brother underwent major heart operation in Wollongong Private Hospital in the last two(2) months.
- 3) The local community is ageing, yet most people are living longer adding increased pressure for hospital care.
- 4) There is a strong community perception that Wollongong Public Hospital is not meeting the health needs of the Wollongong community and patients are experiencing lengthy delays before receiving medical attention and admission into hospital.

I very much support the proposed expansion of Wollongong Private Hospital.

I believe the area west of the South Coast Railway line to Rosemont Street must be health related.

Additionally, I trust that this expansion of Wollongong Private Hospital will provide better health care and a greater range of specialists to service the health needs of the Illawarra region. It hopefully will improve the standard of care and a reduction in the waiting times at Wollongong Public Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

Ronald Charles Knowles.