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ATTENTION: Director - Social and Infrastructure Assessments

Tweed Valley Hospital Stage 2 (SSD-10353)

SUBMISSION of SUPPORT

I give my ongoing support to the siting and construction of the Tweed Valley Hospital. I particularly commend the provision of services and facilities now, rather than having to resort to add-ons in the future. I likewise commend the due diligence which has been adhered to, the general community consultation, the extensive provision of documentation based on thorough research and the establishment of the specifically focused community reference groups who are able to put forward specific local issues.

Praise also needs to be given to the manner in which construction is being carried out, the care being taken to reduce impact on the surrounding residents, the attention to heritage issues and to the environmental aspects such as green space and the opportunities the latter provides for patient and visitor relaxation.

Praise likewise for the immediate provision of a demountable skills centre which will allow earlier provision of a valuable education facility and a smooth transfer to the TAFE site.

I request, that in line with the overall concern for the future, the much needed PET-CT scanner and the full-scale pathology facility, as recommended by an independent review, be provided now. Likewise, that the total number of planned wards be provided during this building phase rather than creating a situation where later construction would create disruption. I also request that serious thought be given to increasing the number of cancer consulting and treatment rooms.

I support the provision of the multi-deck parking proposal and the greater use of the site's topography to allow adjustment of height levels and lowering of below-ground levels.

Declaration: I have made no political donations, reportable or otherwise for two years and over.

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