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18 Carrington Street
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April 9, 2014

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to express interest in the construction of the proposed new hospital for the Parkes community. I have mixed concerns on the need for a new facility as opposed to the upgrade of a hospital that has faithfully and effectively served this district for many years.

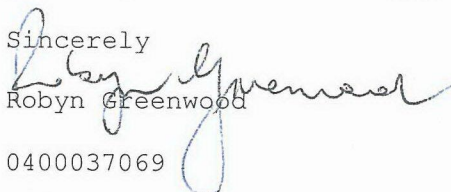
The substantial funding committed to the new Parkes hospital, I believe, could have been directed to assisting a number of smaller hospitals in dire need of repair and the upgrading of equipment and services. I feel an upgrade of facilities to the existing Parkes hospital was all that was needed to safeguard our health needs well into the future. I know the decision has been made but I fear Parkes patients will continue to be shunted off to Orange regularly.

Parkes is an aging community whose health needs are not likely to change dramatically into the future. In finalising planning for the new hospital however I feel strong consideration should be given to provision of an indoor hydrotherapy pool to assist in recovery from a wide range of ailments. This would represent a meaningful addition to the new hospital precinct without requiring a state of the art price tag.

Twice weekly during the summer months around 40 senior residents enjoy aqua aerobics in the delightful, environs of the Parkes Aquatic Centre. I know all of these ladies would readily attest to the merits of such a facility to use in winter and its suitability in overcoming a range of health issues.

I would welcome consideration of the pool proposal within the new hospital planning and would be happy to verbally endorse the benefits associated with it.

Sincerely


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Sent from my iPad

