

**Section: MOTION ON NOTICE** 16 December 2008

**Item: 10.009/08 MACLEAN HOSPITAL UPGRADE**

**SUMMARY**

I propose that the following report and notice of motion be adopted by Council.

**PROPOSED MOTION**

That Clarence Valley Council lobby the NSW Premier and Minister for Health seeking immediate allocation of funds to allow upgrade of Maclean Hospital in accordance with approved North Coast Area Health Service plans.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION - item 10.009/08**

**(Crs Tiley/Hughes)**

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**Voting recorded as follows:**

**For: Councillors Williamson, Dinham, Howe, Hughes, McKenna, Simmons, Tiley, Toms**

**Against: Nil**

**BACKGROUND**

For several years there has been an urgent need for capital upgrades at Maclean Hospital. When Mayor I unsuccessfully lobbied State Government and the CEO of North Coast Area Health Service to proceed with these relatively small cost but important facilities.

**ISSUES**

A substantial planning process including public consultation has occurred over several years and hospital upgrade plans have been approved for some time. Recent tenders for all or part of the work exceeded an imposed upper limit of \$250K and thus works have not proceeded. Instead the strongly community opposed sale of part Maclean hospital land has been attempted, presumably to secure the additionally required upgrade resources. Council needs to show leadership on this important issue.

Councillor Ian Tiley

6 December 2008