

Section: MOTION ON NOTICE 24 February 2009

Item: 10.014/09 YAMBA HEALTH/WELLNESS FACILITY

SUMMARY

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

PROPOSED MOTION

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION - 10.014/09

(Crs Tiley/Hughes)

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Voting recorded as follows:

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

Against: Nil

BACKGROUND

In February 2008 Council was informed by the New South Wales Department of Health

that its joint submission with North Coast Area Health Service for a Health One Facility at

Yamba had been unsuccessful. Council received \$100,000 in recurrent funding at that

time and it was decided to reconvene a Health Service working party to develop options

for expenditure of such funding. ...

At the same time Council determined in conjunction with North Coast Area Health Service to actively pursue other funding sources and models in order to provide a health/wellness facility in Yamba.

ISSUES

The need for this facility has been evident for many years. The rapid increase in Yamba's

population, particularly of retirees, and the very significant numbers of holiday makers

highlights the urgent need for a facility addressing health needs and general wellness of

this second largest Clarence Valley community.

It is important that Council vigorously renew lobbying for the facility, and that such effort

be directed to Federal as well as State government given the promised injection of Federal infrastructure funds to rural and regional Australia.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Councillor Ian Tiley.

Date: 1 January 2009