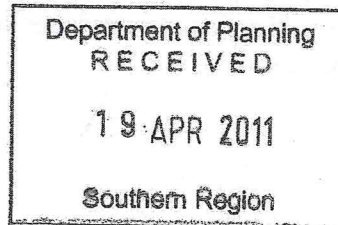




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**Subject:- Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre.
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The Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre will be a fine acquisition to the Medical facilities of the Shoalhaven. I support the concept and have, in fact, spent many hours collecting funds for and on behalf of the Center. With the time limits imposed by the Federal Government (August 2013) the site selection is logical.

I am also a resident of the area adjoining the proposed site and as such require the Centre to be planned, constructed and managed with the upmost consideration of the local population. There are 33 pages in the Draft Policy Report that relate to the flora and fauna of the site, yet only a couple of paragraphs are allocated to resident concerns. However the statement on page six is encouraging.

I have several concerns about the Centre and the management of it, some of these are just policy decisions that an astute manager will adjust quite easily. Others may need agreement with other authorities. I have listed them below in order of intensity.

1. Facilities within the complex.

Generator noise.

Information on the proposal does not give me any idea if a diesel generator will be included in the complex. The existing hospital generator can be quite noisy at times and if this facility is to have a generator then I expect it to be noisier still because of the shorter distance especially if the same generator design is to be used.

Rubbish removal.

Again using empirical knowledge of the hospitals operating procedures, metal to metal noise created during the removal or repositioning by fork lift of dumpster containers, or rubbish removal trucks, should be confined to office hours.
(after 0900)

Incinerator

Is there to be an incinerator within the complex?

The proposal does not say, but chemical compounds usually associated with these facilities need to be disposed of a lot more carefully than just using the local sewer or rubbish dump. If an incinerator is included will there be strict regulations controlling emissions?

2. Shoalhaven City Council

Car parking

There is insufficient car parking spaces already in the Hospital complex. Hospital staff are taking the majority of the available positions in the car parks leaving patients and visitors the only option of parking off road along Scenic drive. The new complex will reduce a lot of these positions on Scenic Drive, thus forcing many of them to park in North Street.

Shoalhaven St. is a prime example of insufficient planning or a desire to cut costs by the Council. Street parking should not be an option in residential areas, it creates a dangerous environment and local residents are angered when rubbish is not removed on collection days because of access being restricted to the bins.

Nowra Park.

Hospital growth should be in line with the Nowra population. How long will it be before the next extension to the hospital is required? Additional park land will be required and if new medical facilities are required in the district, this will also put more pressure on land use and the obligatory additional car parking spaces.

May I suggest we make application to hand the rest of the park over to the Health Department and let them plan the future extensions and revitalise what is left of the park. Eventually the cricket pitch will need to be removed, even now it is only used for occasional Monday night twilight cricket games.

Tree planting and gardens could be encouraged, let us make it a park worth visiting for those patients and visitors to the hospital.

Footpaths

If there are to be additional footpaths around the perimeter of the park can the Council, or the relevant planning department concerned, be aware that North St. has a natural incline and if they are to be constructed it would be in the residents interests not to have them skateboard friendly.

Community Toilets

There are not many community toilet blocks in Nowra so there is a need to maintain those in the park. The existing toilet blocks are old and not very well situated, passers by have a clear view of the urinals in the male toilets. May I suggest that the existing blocks be demolished and new facilities built.

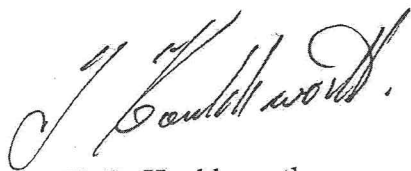
Dogs in Park

If dogs are still to be allowed in the park then they should all be on a leash, not on a half half restriction as is now, dogs do not understand demarcation lines and are often to be found in the children's playground.

Curb all around the perimeter of park, keep the area near children s playground and the rest of the park vehicle free.

I have talked with several residents in North St. about the Centre and they have indicated a wish to relocate. With this in mind, would it be fair that those sections of North and Shoalhaven Streets facing the hospital and the park, be rezoned commercial. This will enable residents to move to a quieter area they once had, and allow professional offices associated with the facility to be located quite close.

Respectfully yours



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