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Panel Secretariat  
Central West JRPP  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**GULGONG MPS**

The Central Western Joint Regional Planning Panel will be considering an application from the Health Infrastructure for a new MPS facility in Gulgong. The Mid-Western Regional Council strongly supports this new facility and is recommending that the JRPP support and approve this application.

In August 2010 without warning or public consultation the then Greater Western Area Health Services (GWAHS) closed the Gulgong hospital. The Gulgong health facilities cover a wide catchment area with a population of 4,900 people. It is important that this community has health facilities that service its community in a similar manner that all other regional towns in NSW enjoy and have come to expect. Gulgong is the largest town in NSW without an MPS or hospital facilities.

Council is very aware of how effective an MPS is in delivering rural health services and believes this is the exact type of facility that Gulgong needs. Its a great opportunity to get modern health facilities to the Gulgong community and Council is strongly recommending that the JRPP support the planning assessment report and the community in ensuring that this facility is delivered to the community of Gulgong.

As Mayor I would like the opportunity to address the JRPP in support of this excellent facility.

Yours sincerely

**DES KENNEDY**  
**MAYOR**

