



13<sup>th</sup> July 2005

Dr B R Gooley  
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Dear Dr Gooley,

Thank you for your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> June regarding your proposal to develop a 350 bed hospital in West Dapto.

This is certainly a very exciting venture and any initiative to expand the health facilities in our region certainly has the support of the Medical School.

I would very much like to meet you and hear more about this, but I am going to be very tied up over the next several months.

Would you be good enough to contact my assistant, Margaret Brown again in early October so that we might arrange a time to meet. There is a second advantage in meeting at that time in that you may have had some feedback from the State Government regarding your licence application.

I do look forward to hearing from you then.

Yours sincerely,

John Hogg  
Foundation Dean  
Graduate School of Medicine



November 6, 2007

Dr. B R Gooley  
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Dear Brett:

It is with pleasure that I submit this letter in support of your development of a private hospital in Tullimbar, New South Wales.

There are three primary reasons why I support the development of a private hospital in the Albion Park area of the City of Shellharbour.

The first relates to the changing demographics of the Illawarra region and the impact of those changes on the existing medical infrastructure. The Illawarra region continues to experience population growth and a significant portion of that growth is occurring in the Southern Illawarra, particularly the City of Shellharbour. In fact, the proposed private hospital is being build next to a major new residential development – an ideal location from my perspective based on my experiences in Denver, Colorado.

The addition of the hospital will allow residents of the Southern Illawarra to access private health care services in a timely fashion, will reduce the burden on already stressed public hospitals and will increase the likelihood of being able to attract new physicians and surgeons to the area.

The second and third reasons pertain to the development of the University of Wollongong's new Graduate School of Medicine (GSM), which will take its first students in January 2007. With the expansion of medical schools and medical places in Australia the Australian Medical Council has rightly expressed concern about the lack of clinical training places for medical students. The Council has encouraged medical schools to explore other opportunities for clinical training sites, most notably private hospitals.

Your proposed hospital represents an excellent opportunity for the GSM to develop clinical training opportunities at the hospital. In fact, my plan is to work with the administration of the proposed hospital with the intent of having it designated a University of Wollongong Graduate School of Medicine Affiliated Teaching Hospital.

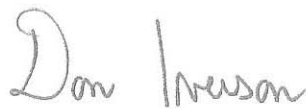
The hospital is an especially appropriate clinical training site for our students as your approach encourages general practitioners to function as Visiting Medical Officers. This is precisely the approach embraced by the GSM. We want our students to interact with general practitioners as they admit and manage patients in a hospital setting, using specialist consultants when appropriate. It is our firm belief that if our students are

exposed to this model throughout their training years they will appreciate the richness of experiences that they can have as a general practitioner in regional, rural or remote Australia. Your offer of having GSM faculty serve on the hospital's Ethics Advisory Board would extend and further strengthen the ties between the GSM and the hospital.

The final primary reason relates directly to the mission of the GSM which is to graduate doctors who have the capacity and desire to practise medicine in regional, rural or remote Australia. It is our hope that about 70% of our graduates will elect to take specialist training in general practice. For this to occur it is imperative that new opportunities be created for general practice registrar training in the Illawarra. The proposed hospital, with its general practice model, represents the ideal opportunity for us to create new general practice registrar training opportunities. I cannot overestimate the importance of this opportunity for addressing the general practice medical manpower needs of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions.

Brett, I sincerely look forward to working with you and your colleagues through the various planning and development phases of the proposed private hospital. I see this as an opportunity in which everyone is a 'winner' – the developers of the hospital, the residents of the community and the Graduate School of Medicine.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Don Iverson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Professor and Dean  
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Dear Michael

Thank you for your recent presentation concerning the development of the Illawarra International Health Precinct. The proposed health facility will provide a range of important health services to the local community and TAFE NSW – Illawarra Institute supports the project as a welcome addition to our regional infrastructure.

I believe that there are a number of opportunities for the Institute and your organisation to work together, particularly in relation to the development of your workforce capability in nursing, health support services and aged care. I have attached a document outlining the range of services that TAFE NSW – Illawarra Institute's Nursing Studies Unit offers and I look forward to further exploring opportunities for collaboration.

Yours Sincerely

Dianne Murray  
**Institute Director**  
**TAFE NSW – Illawarra Institute**

25 October 2007

