

## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LONGUEVILLE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to support the proposed redevelopment of Longueville Private Hospital.

I have been a visiting doctor there for over 10 years. I am the Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee.

I am also a Longueville resident for over 20 years.

I have no financial interest in the hospital itself

I am aware of the Community concerns but feel the benefits will greatly outweigh the cons.

The Lower North Shore is in great need of rehabilitation beds. Hironnelle Hospital at Chatswood closed down earlier in 2023 and Greenwich is also shutting down its Rehab beds soon , I understand.

Longueville Hospital needs to increase its capacity and functionality to meet this demand.

Patients in a private hospital expect and deserve a private room. Rehab patients tend to stay for weeks or months so a private room is even more important.

Most rooms at LPH are shared with 2 or 4 patients. Most patients find this unacceptable. Most of the patients are elderly and may become confused at night which is also unacceptable if you are sharing their room.

Private rooms decrease infection spread eg Covid 19 and Influenza.

Longueville Hospital also runs Day Rehab and Cardiac Rehab programs. This is a great facility for local residents who do not require hospitalisation. Its use should be encouraged.

The physiotherapy Dept needs a hydrotherapy pool to improve Rehabilitation outcomes.. Many houses in Longueville have a pool so this should not be an issue.

Many houses in Longueville are 2 stories and the hospital will be no taller than these.

There has been a lot of input into the design so the street frontage is attractive and in keeping with the rest of the street.

Overlook to back yards has also been taken into consideration.

Parking should be no greater issue than it is already. We encourage all visitors to use the street parking associated with the local churches to avoid issues.

Ambulances will now arrive at a back entrance which has been an issue with local residents in the past.

I am happy to discuss any issues that may arise.

Yours sincerely

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