



3<sup>rd</sup> August 2012

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Chair  
Health and Community Services Committee  
Mr Peter Dowling MP  
Member for Redlands

Dear Mr Dowling and other members of this Committee

My name is Judy Allen and I am the Chairperson of the Palliative Care Working Party Committee in Maryborough, Queensland.

On behalf of this Committee I am presenting a submission to the Health and Community Services Committee.

Our **mission** is to establish a Hospice/Palliative Care Unit here in Maryborough.

- to offer specialised hospital-based (24hour care) Palliative Care to terminally ill people in our health district. Our health district covers a large area and at this stage there is no provision for this type of Unit.
- to help reduce the occupation of these clients from the acute beds in the local hospitals. We know that there are a number of allocated beds for Palliative Care clients in this district, but feel that this practice would free the bed space for acute patients in the system.
- to offer this service to both Privately covered clients and those not financially able to pay for this service.
- we feel that if a Hospice was operating in the community, we could also provide a direct link to all of those "**out of hospital services**", as we know some clients are still "**falling through a gap**" and are not aware of the help that is available to them in the community at this time of their illness.
- a Hospice Unit would serve to retain Palliative Care nurses in our local area.
- the introduction of this Hospice Unit would offer the community another health service.

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Our progress to date is at the stage of identifying the need and interest in the community for such a Unit being established.

We have a petition circulating in Maryborough and surrounding populated areas and are receiving great support and enthusiasm from the public.

We, as a group of dedicated people, feel that this demonstrates there is indeed a great need for a Hospice/Palliative Unit here in this health district.

Yours faithfully

Judy Allen  
Chairperson Palliative Care Working Party Maryborough Q.



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30<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Mr Peter Dowling MP  
Member for Redlands  
Chair Health and Community Services Committee

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HEALTH AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dear Mr Dowling

I wish to introduce myself.

My name is Judy Allen and I am the Chairperson of the Palliative Care Working Party Committee. I am a retired Oncology/Palliative Care Nurse and am deeply committed to this area of health in our community.

We are based here in Maryborough and are a sub-committee of the Maryborough Hospital Lobby Group.

Our sole purpose is to establish a Hospice/Palliative Care Unit here in Maryborough to offer specialised hospital-based Palliative Care to terminally ill people in this health district.

We have been meeting for this purpose since November 2011 and are currently circulating a Petition throughout our community to gauge community awareness and need.

I understand that your committee plans to hold public hearings commencing in August 2012. We, as a committee, wish to be included as invited witnesses at these hearings.

I await your reply.

Yours faithfully

Judy Allen

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Dear Sue

I am attaching a submission letter and a second letter to the Health and Community Services Committee via your email.

I will follow this with a copy of both letters via post.

Would you please pass them to that committee before the closing date, 6th August 2012.

Yours faithfully

Judy Allen

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