



Craig Thomson

Federal Member for Dobell



Hon. Ms. Nicola Roxon
Minister for Health & Ageing
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22nd April, 2008

Dear Nicola,

I am writing to you to seek a visit from you to the Central Coast. In particular to discuss with interested parties our election commitment of a super GP clinic in the Northern part of the central coast. With a chronic shortage of Doctors in Dobell the Super GP clinic is a most meritorious but urgent commitment that you were able to make at the last election.

In addition to meeting the division of general practice I would be suggesting a visit to Wyong hospital and some other health facilities here on the Central Coast.

Régards

Craig Thomson

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THE HON NICOLA ROXON MP
MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AGEING

Mr Craig Thomson MP
Member for Dobell
PO Box 5253
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Dear Mr Thomson

Craig

Thank you for your letter of 22 April 2008 inviting me to the Central Coast to discuss with interested parties our election commitment of a GP Super Clinic for the area and also to visit the Wyong Hospital and other health facilities on the Central Coast.

I am unable to schedule a visit at this time, however my department is hoping to hold a consultation meeting in mid-September 2008.

The establishment of the 31 GP Super Clinics announced as part of our election campaign is a key priority for the Australian Government. The GP Super Clinics are being rolled-out progressively in these 31 locations.

My Department is working closely with NSW Health to ensure a smooth and timely roll-out of the GP Super Clinics in New South Wales. My Department has developed a detailed program guide and a draft schedule for local consultations across Australia, which at this stage places the local consultation in the North Central Coast early in 2009. My Department will ensure that you are advised of the arrangements for the local consultation meeting for the North Central Coast GP Super Clinic.

The National Program Guide including advice on the implementation arrangements for the GP Super Clinics and the application and funding processes is now available on the GP Super Clinics' web site at www.gpsuperclinics@health.gov.au

I look forward to working with you and your community in the implementation of this key initiative in the North Central Coast.

Yours sincerely

NICOLA ROXON

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Dear Minister,

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss issues relating to the delivery of health care in my electorate, especially the proposal from the relating to the delivery of primary health care.

has put forward a proposal that would allow GP's to take a lead role in a primary care model without the need for Super clinics. Their idea is to provide GP's with one off capital funding through grants or low interest loans so that they can expand their premises to accommodate allied health professionals and other primary health care professionals.

are especially committed to the primary health care model and would be active in making such a scheme successful.

Once again thank you again for taking time to meet with me.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Thomson MP
Member for Dobell

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THE HON NICOLA ROXON MP
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Mr Craig Thomson MP
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Dear Mr Thomson *Craig*

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the proposal from the
relating to the delivery of primary health care.

As you would be aware, the Rudd Government wants to ensure that all Australians have access to affordable, high quality, comprehensive and integrated primary care services which are convenient and accessible.

The Government's \$275 million investment over five years in the health system to establish GP Super Clinics is one of the key ways in which the capacity of primary care services will be boosted. The original 2007 election commitment of 31 GP Super Clinics has now been expanded with the announcement of an additional five GP Super Clinics, further increasing this capacity.

It is expected that GP Super Clinics will be more than just co-location of GP services and allied health services, but rather leaders in primary health care through the delivery of integrated multidisciplinary health care services tailored to meet the health needs and priorities of the local community.

While I would encourage activities that expand general practice to accommodate allied health and other health care professionals, the Government is currently focussing on the establishment of the 36 announced GP Super Clinics as its key primary care infrastructure projects, one of which is to be located in the North Central Coast, at Warnervale.

I trust that the above information is of use.

Yours sincerely

NICOLA ROXON

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