



RICK WILSON MP

Federal Member for O'Connor



Monday, 9 November 2015

Mrs D Congreve
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Dear Mrs Congreve,

Thank you for meeting with me in Esperance and updating me on the local situation with respect to the lack of drug detoxification and rehabilitation facilities in Esperance.

I understand the Esperance hospital does deal with emergency presentations but they have neither the time nor the resources to give proper assessment to drug and alcohol affected patients, nor those with mental health issues.

I believe currently there is a 2-3 weeks waiting period for appointments for drug and alcohol related problems.

I thank you for raising this issue with me. It is not unique to my vast electorate of O'Connor, and I have been involved with ICE and mental health forums as well as other community events with Dr Graham Jacobs MLA the Member for Eyre.

Together we will do our utmost at both State and Federal levels to raise awareness and attract funding to address this serious issue in our communities.

Thanks you again for your dedication to this cause in collecting almost 2000 expressions of support for enhanced services to Esperance and its hinterland.

Yours sincerely

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22nd October 2015

To whom this may concern

Dear Sir/Madame

We strongly support the initiative to restart a Detox unit/ acute Mental Health Service unit in Esperance District Hospital. In our opinion the increase of drug addiction and acute mental health problems within the last 12 months necessitates a short stay unit.

Regards,

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To Whom It May Concern

RE; development of drug and alcohol detox unit at Esperance District Hospital.

I support the provision of acute drug and alcohol detox facilities at the Esperance District Hospital.

I understand that the self contained unit in B ward, previously developed as a mental health facility would be available for such a purpose. The coordinated utilisation of this facility including the need for 1 on 1 nursing supervision, appropriate medical supervision and the coordination with follow up mental health services including those available for long term residential rehabilitation, are required.

The rapid increase in illicit drug use with corresponding increase in medical presentations including in Emergency Departments as well as to General Practice and Mental Health services is well documented. The provision of funding through various drug programs including for training and staffing at the Esperance Hospital is greatly needed. I support this initiative wholeheartedly.

Yours Sincerely, ,

Dr Grahm Rowlands
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January 14, 2016

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OUR REF F15/14
ENQUIRIES Matthew Scott - 90710621
DATE 13 November 2015



Deline Congreve

Dear Deline,

Re: Detoxification Unit – Esperance

On behalf of the Shire of Esperance I thank you for your initiative in bringing the need for a local medically run drug detoxification unit to the attention of the Esperance community. A service that provides on site assessment and inpatient medical detoxification would be advantageous for our community.

The increased rate of drug related health issues and the impact these are having on families and the greater community is an issue that the Shire of Esperance is acutely concerned with. Options on how best to manage the health and wellbeing of drug users need to be considered.

I wish you all the very best for your endeavours in supporting this cause for this ongoing problem.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Scott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

16 November 2015

To whom it may concern

**INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELLING SERVICES IN
ESPERANCE**

On behalf of the Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry, I am pleased to write this letter of support calling for increased mental health, and drug and alcohol counselling services in Esperance.

The ECCI is a not-for-profit, non-government, membership based organisation, representing the business community of Esperance. Our purpose is to empower business for our community.

We support any facilities that improve the physical and mental health of members of the community. Providing facilities to reduce the severity of drug and alcohol harm in our community will consequently reduce the flow on effects such as crime and vandalism, which hinder local businesses.

Should you have any questions, or would like to discuss this letter further, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0438 546 526 or tori.castledine@esperancecci.com.au

Kind regards

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6th January 2016

Attn: Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

Re: Submission for Increased Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling Services in Esperance (South East Coastal Region of Western Australia)

Dear Standing Committee Members

Bay of Isles Community Outreach Inc (BOICO) would like to express our support to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs on behalf of the Submission for Increased Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling Services to be available in Esperance and the South East Coastal Region of Western Australia.

BOICO are keen to support initiatives that contribute to the wellbeing of community members and their increased physical and mental health recovery. This submission if successful will see a much needed resource available in our community that would help in providing positive outcomes for many of our Clients and Carers.

With Esperance being one of the most isolated cities in the world we struggle to access a wide range of services and this can impact negatively on the community due to having to travel long distances and being far away from family, friends and other supports whilst seeking treatment. These factors can all have a negative impact on health and wellbeing and reduce the effectiveness of recovery as well as increasing the cost of treatment.

Your consideration and approval of this submission has the potential to bring about significant positive impacts for all who live in our region. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your time and effort in regards to this matter.

Regards

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To Whom It May Concern

Our service supports the petition in relation to a detox unit, on call mental health services and increased drug and alcohol counselling services in Esperance.

Many of our clients in crisis being given accommodation in one of our two houses here in Esperance, either needing assistance and support because of a DV or homeless situation are or have been effected by drugs.

Over the 24 years we have been operating, drug problems have increased in the Esperance area and the distance from major centres makes it very difficult to assist our clients with the lack of services they need to overcome their addictions.

So it is very important that government departments understand what is needed at ground level, here and other regional areas in WA. And listen to what is needed from the people who have supported this petition.

Yours sincerely

**Christine Smith
Coordinator**

5 February 2016

To whom it may concern

Re: Petitions for:

DETOX UNIT AT ESPERANCE HOSPITAL

ON-CALL ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AT ESPERANCE HOSPITAL

INCREASED DRUG AND ALCOHOL SUPPORT COUNSELING IN THE COMMUNITY OF ESPERANCE

Centrecare supports the petitions as detailed above, coordinated by Deleine Congreve.

In recent times the increasing incidence of crystal methamphetamine (ice) use within the Australian community and the associated personal tolls on users and their families, along with the social issues of violence and crime that are associated with this, have led to the Australian Government forming the National Ice Taskforce and also the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Inquiry into Crystal Methamphetamine (ice).

The harmful impact of ice use on individuals, families and communities cannot be ignored with the findings from the final report of the National Ice Taskforce stating:

Ice use in Australia is at high levels and is increasing

Proportionally, Australia uses more methamphetamine than almost any other country, and the number of users continues to grow. More than 200,000 Australians reported using the crystalline form of methamphetamine (commonly known as 'ice') in 2013, compared with fewer than 100,000 in 2007. These figures are conservative and already dated. Today, evidence suggests there are well over 200,000 users.

Its use creates a distinct problem for society

Unlike cannabis and heroin, ice is an extremely powerful stimulant. For some people, it can trigger psychological disturbances or violent and aggressive behaviour. Long term use may damage the brain and cause impaired attention, memory and motor skills. The distress ice causes for individuals, families, communities and frontline workers is disproportionate to that caused by other drugs.



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As a provider of counselling, drug and alcohol services in Esperance the problems with ice in this community have been viewed by our staff as a significant issue.

As a remote community, Esperance is disadvantaged by its distance from the services provided in major metropolitan hubs. For this reason it is important that the services that Deleine is calling for be provided at a local level.

Yours sincerely

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Director