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**PERROTET'S PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING  
COMMITMENT MUST EXTEND TO DEDICATED  
BEDS AT WYONG HOSPITAL**

Shadow Minister for Health Ryan Park MP, met last week with representatives from local organisation, Elsie's Retreat to discuss the need for a dedicated Palliative Care Unit at Wyong Hospital to service the northern Central Coast.

Gosford Hospital received recurrent funding for a unit which is in high demand with many of the patients coming from the Northern Central Coast.

Elsie's Retreat and local Lions Clubs funded the fit out of the unit and have committed to ongoing support of the facility including the need to train specialised Palliative Care Nurses through future scholarships.

"It is essential that a similar unit is established at Wyong Hospital to provide end of life options for people living in the Northern Central Coast with it's increasing population." Said David Harris MP

"\$743 Million over five years was promised by the Premier in the last NSW Budget and the Central Coast should be getting a fair share of the promised extra Palliative Care funding." Said Ryan Park Shadow Minister for Health

“The population of the northern Central Coast is growing, and these important services should be provided close to home and family, there is a strong case for a facility at Wyong Hospital.” Said Yasmin Catley Member for Swansea

“People should have availability of end of life choices - palliative care is an important part of that equation and it shouldn’t matter where you live, access to services is vital.” Said David Mehan, Member for The Entrance.

“Our community of over 300 000 people should have access to a mix of end-of-life options such as inpatient and outpatient (community) palliative care. NSW Labor has been lobbying for these additional services since 2015, from both our State and Federal Members, the money has been committed by the government and we must receive a share of that funding.” Said David Harris

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