



The Hon D Layzell MP
Member for Upper Hunter
94 John Street
Singleton NSW 2330

Gummun Place Aged Care Hostel Merriwa

Dear Dave

You will be aware that the Upper Hunter Shire Council is in the process of devolving itself from the operation of Gummun Place, and old aged hostel at Merriwa. The Merriwa District Progress Association has taken a keen interest in this matter with the intention of securing the future existence of Gummun Place. We have the strong support of the local community.

As part of our actions in this matter, we have written to many Government members and Ministers, including yourself. The matter has also been passed on to you by Barnaby Joyce, Member for New England. To date, we do not appear to have had any response from you or your office, or even an acknowledgement of our correspondence.

We believe that the NSW Government must take a serious interest in the future of Gummun Place, because the closure of that facility would displace up to sixteen residents who would then be transferred to State level medical services.

As previously requested, we would ask what assistance you could provide and what role the NSW Government could adopt in this matter. Again, as offered, we would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the matter. We eagerly await your reply.

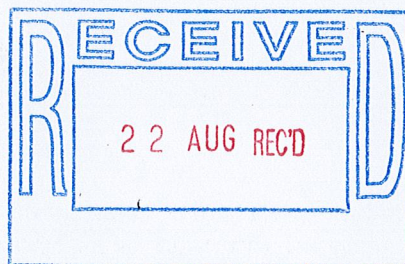
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Gowlland'.

Stephen Gowlland
President

Sunday, 17 August 2025

Encl: Letter to D Layzell - 28 January 2025
Letter from B Joyce - 31 January 2025
Letter to d Layzell - 14 June 2025



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