

Annexure A

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Dear Dr Holland

Thank you for writing on behalf of Mr Peter Ryan about services to be provided at Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Hospital Emergency Department.

I acknowledge Mr Ryan's concerns and appreciate your advocacy on this matter.

The emergency and inpatient services currently provided at Batemans Bay and Moruya Hospitals will be provided at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital once it is commissioned. To support this transition, an Urgent Care Centre is being established in Batemans Bay at the current hospital site. The centre will be operational by December 2023 and will provide a bulk-billed service to treat patients presenting with minor injuries and illnesses.

NSW Ambulance conducts regular analysis of all locations within NSW to identify areas of growing demand for the prioritisation of resources. This includes using best practice modelling software that maps Triple Zero (000) calls to determine the most suitable location for emergency care, including examining current response areas and modelling potential station locations to meet community needs.

Communities within the Eurobodalla region are serviced by the NSW Ambulance Southern Zone which includes Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma Ambulance Stations. Paramedics are a mobile workforce and respond from one patient to the next across locations, regardless of whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station or another location. During periods of higher demand NSW Ambulance can fluidly deploy resources to where they are needed most, helping deliver the best possible out of hospital care for the community.

Thank you again for writing. For more information, please contact Mr Brad Scotcher, General Manager Coastal Network, Southern NSW Local Health District at bradley.scotcher@health.nsw.gov.au or on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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