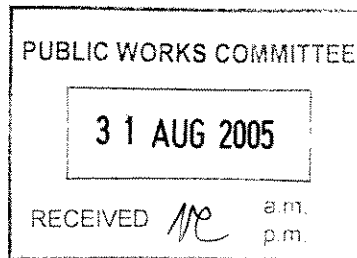




Central Gippsland  
Health Service

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Comprehensive Health Care*



31 August, 2005

The Secretary  
Public Works Committee  
Parliamentary House  
**CANBERRA ACT 2600**

Dear Sir

**PUBLIC WORKS INQUIRY  
RELOCATION OF RAAF COLLEGE: RAAF BASE EAST SALE, VICTORIA**

I write on behalf of Central Gippsland Health Service to formally record our support for the above relocation.

The forerunner of today's Central Gippsland Health Service was the Gippsland Base Hospital, established more than 130 years ago.

In the 2004-05 financial year, Central Gippsland Health Service was responsible for the majority of acute and residential aged care as well as a wide range of community care services throughout Wellington Shire, excluding Yarram district. These include home and community care services, community health centres and maternal and child health centres.

The organisation now has 97 acute beds, 209 nursing home and hostel beds, 98 independent living units and more than 1,000 staff members occupying more than 600 full time equivalent positions. It is supported by some 600 volunteers and has total revenues of more than \$50 million.

Central Gippsland Health Service serves the immediate population in Central Gippsland, while acute specialist services reach a wider community in East Gippsland and parts of South Gippsland.

We have a long standing relationship with personnel at the RAAF Base and have also over the years employed many family members of RAAF personnel who have found that the region of East Gippsland offers a diverse range of sporting activities, restaurants and theatre. Sale also offers excellent private and public schooling facilities as well as pre-school facilities.

The relocation of the RAAF College has many positives for our community and I once again reiterate Central Gippsland Health Service's wholehearted support for the above relocation.

Yours sincerely

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