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Councillor Maree Statham
Mayor
Lithgow City Council
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Dear Mayor Statham

Thank you for writing about the cessation of services by Lithgow Community Private Hospital.

I acknowledge your concerns and appreciate your interest in this matter.

The Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District and Lithgow Hospital have worked collaboratively with Lithgow Community Private since its formation and are committed to delivering health care locally. The District will continue to work closely with Lithgow Community Private, staff and clinicians over the next few months to ensure Lithgow residents have options for their care and local access to health services.

Medical students at Lithgow Clinical School are immersed in all aspects of hospital and community medicine. Students at Lithgow Hospital attend rounds in the inpatient unit, assist in ambulatory care and assist/observe in the operating suite. Students are also engaged in the supervised care of patients presenting to the emergency department for urgent and general care.

The District is continuing to expand services at Lithgow Hospital with a \$4 million advanced Medical Resonance Imaging (MRI) centre opening in late 2022, recent upgrades to the helipad, and the introduction of a lifesaving 24-hour telestroke diagnosis and treatment service.

Thank you again for writing. Should you require further information, please contact Ms Vanessa Clements, Director Planning, Redevelopment and Strategic Office, Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District, at NBMLHD-mail@health.nsw.gov.au or on 0419 242 648.

Yours sincerely

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