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Independent Planning Commission Of NSW

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To: The office of the Independent Planning Commission Of NSW

I fully support the proposed redevelopment of Uniting Kingscliff.

I want to tell you a little bit of my experience being a resident of Uniting Kingscliff.

I was living at home with my husband, and my husband needed more care. The progression of his dementia happened so rapidly I did not have time to think of a good solution for his care. We were lucky enough to have good family around us and they helped me find a place for my husband suited for his dementia care needs. They found Uniting Kingscliff as a local aged care provider that was able to take him in within a very short time frame. During this process I ended up living at home by myself, but in the following weeks and months, dealing with grief, and overwhelmed by the burdens of life, I was not able to look after myself properly.

A Uniting employee had heard about my situation and gave me a call. He reassured me over the phone and convinced me to come in for respite as a means to recover and be closer to my husband. This changed my life. I honestly do not know what I would have done had this not been an option for us.

What I really want to say regarding this new build is that my story will become everyone's story at some point in your life, and your mother and your father's life. It can happen very quickly, and I urge everyone who is opposed to this build to start considering what this will provide for the community.

For me it has given me my independence back, my self-confidence, a loving community and the help that I need to thrive in my older age. But unfortunately, walls do not last forever, plumbing does not last forever and the management and care staff who is providing amazing care for all of us, needs walls, plumbing and equipment that that can facilitate the need this community sorely needs.

To see my husband, I sometimes had to walk through rain and darkness to get to where he lived in a separate building from me. The buildings are aging and do not meet our needs.

There have been multiple blackouts whilst staying here and the facility always does an excellent job of caring for us all. During Cyclone Alfred we had no power for 27 hours, but I always felt safe, we had everything we needed provided for us, it was managed so well due to the teams planning and experience during previous severe weather events.

Please consider this, please consider people like my husband and myself, your mum and your dad.

Kind Regards

Julie Dawes



Uniting Kingscliff

