



Frome Electorate Office

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Media Statement

People before Politics.....please!

A large contingent of the Snowtown and District Community attended the Snowtown Community Hall last night. About 200 people attended to listen to the challenges faced by the Clare Medical Centre doctors and Country Health SA in the delivery of medical services to the community.

It was clear that the interests of the Snowtown and Districts Community were held in high regard by both the Clare Medical Centre and Country Health SA. However, there remain some barriers for the continuation of the service in its current form.

I was heartened to learn that CHSA have agreed to meet with the Clare Medical Centre with the intention of negotiating a resolution to the current situation. Assurances made by Belinda Moyes, CEO of Country Health SA, in a written statement, assert that the community will be guaranteed the continuation of 24 hour access to medical care.

That said, I would ask for patience in the ensuing days to allow for the two key players in this matter to come together and work towards a mutually agreeable resolution.

Health consumers, being those to gain the most from meaningful and well considered negotiations, deserve to be heard. They were heard last night, community representatives spoke with passion and raw emotion. The resounding message I have is that we need to put people before politics.

It is clear that the community rely on and have great faith in the level of care being provided by the medical staff attending and indeed the nursing staff at the Snowtown Hospital.

I implore the Clare Medical Centre and Country Health SA to resolve this matter urgently to allow the resilient and robust Snowtown community to return to a state of calm and know that in emergency medical situations a professional and immediate service will continue to be delivered.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Geoff Brock'.

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