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PRESS RELEASE

### **Port Pirie Palliative Care Unit – Port Pirie**

Geoff would like to publically acknowledge the Great Care and Dedication that the Staff and Communities have provided to those who have required the services of the dedicated and very loyal Staff that have been providing this care to many patients and families since its inception many years ago.

The facility which has been located at the Port Pirie Regional Health facility was provided with some Government funds, but there was a vast amount of Public Monies provided by people of Port Pirie and the Regions to assist with the facility, together with providing the associated equipment.

With the completion of Hammill House, which was long overdue, and this facility being transferred to the Commonwealth Government, resulted in part of the Palliative Care unit now having to be relocated.

It has been very disturbing to see the Liberal Party state they will provide a "Palliative Care Unit" at Port Pirie, when in actual fact the facility has been there for many years, and the only direction now is for some of the previous facility to be located in an adjoining area.

Geoff welcomes the funding of \$250k from the Liberal Party, BUT this amount would not be sufficient to cover the total costs for the relocation.

Geoff is demanding that none of the relocated and refurbished costs be borne by the Community of Port Pirie and the Region, THAT THE TOTAL COST be borne by the incoming Government, not the community.

Geoff will continue to fight for the current facility to be fully funded by the Government of the day and not the communities that it serves.

Geoff also acknowledges the dedicated and loyal service that the staff have provided over the many years.

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