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Dear Sir/Madam

I understand that you are seeking submissions to an inquiry on the move of the Wanniasa Health Centre to Phillip. I am writing to advise you of my recent experience with the new clinic.

My 90 year-old mother lives at the Goodwin Village in Monash and was initially quite upset with the closure of the Wanniasa Health Centre. In some respect this is due to her age and difficulties coping with change.

On Tuesday morning, 12 August, my mother was quite ill and I took her to the new clinic in Phillip. My mother's regular GP was not rostered that day so we saw another GP who diagnosed that my mother had pneumonia and required an x-ray and blood tests. Both services were able to be accessed at the Phillip clinic and the results provided to the GP in a short time and treatment arranged.

We were very impressed with the service and care at the new Phillip clinic. If we attended the Wanniasa clinic we would have to go home after the initial consultation with the GP and then make appointments for the x-ray and blood tests. This could have taken another day or so and been quite tiring and stressful for my mother.

Despite initial concerns about the move of the Wanniasa Clinic to Phillip, both my mother would like the Committee to note that the services provided at the Phillip Health Centre are far more comprehensive than that provided at Wanniasa and we are very pleased with the new arrangements.

Please contact me on () if you would like any further comments.

Yours sincerely

Pam Murphy

13 August 2008