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Dear Steve,

Future of Gummun Place Hostel

Thank you for your letter dated 28 January 2025 regarding the future of Gummun Place Hostel.

We acknowledge the concerns raised by the community in relation to the future of the facility and we appreciate your offer to make the results of the MDPA survey available to Council.

As you are aware, Council, at its Ordinary October meeting, resolved to call for expressions of interest (EOI) from approved aged care providers to take on either the management, lease or purchase of Gummun Place Hostel.

The EOI process, which is being facilitated by an independent aged care consultant, is underway and concludes at the end of February.

Council will not be making any decisions regarding the future of the facility until after the EOI process has concluded and the Gummun Place Hostel Advisory Committee has been consulted.

As the Gummun Place Hostel Advisory Committee has been established to facilitate open communication between Council and the community, we suggest that any interested locals wishing to discuss the future of Gummun Place submit an application to join the committee or contact a local committee member once the committee is formed.

We thank you for your interest in this matter.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Mathew Pringle, Director Environmental & Community Services, on 02 6540 1139 during normal business hours.

Yours faithfully

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