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Executive Officer
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Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Public Consultation – Application for recognition of a new field of specialty practice: Rural Generalist Medicine

I am writing on behalf of Quilpie Shire Council and the Shire community strongly supporting the recognition of Rural Generalist Medicine.

Quilpie is located in rural and remote Western Queensland and similarly to many other towns is well aware of the nation wide shortage of staff in many fields within the medical industry.

Whilst we are fortunate to have a high quality MPHS facility with experienced and committed staff, we recognise the significance of the benefits that a Specialist Rural Generalist would provide to our community, enhancing the existing health service.

We also acknowledge the potential opportunities for high quality specialist services to be available locally, minimising the requirement for patient travel, which can be mentally and financially stressful for consumers.

We look forward to learning the outcomes of this consultation process. Please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] Director of Corporate and Community Services on [REDACTED] should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully
[REDACTED]

Justin Hancock
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

