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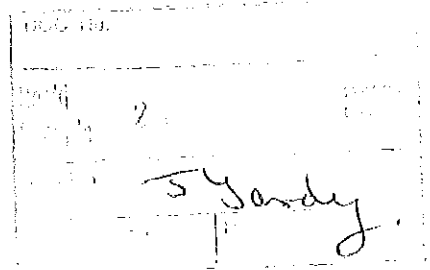
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SPRINGWOOD TOWN CENTRE REVITALISATION

Dear Sir,

As the Secretary of the Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans and Associated Forces Inc, a tenant within the Civic Centre complex and more importantly the Custodian of the Springwood War Memorial I have this day received a copy of the Proposed Options Report dated July 2007. On behalf of the President and members we are opposed to the proposed relocation of the Springwood Community Health Centre (incorporating the Early Childhood Centre) to Greenway Lane in the area behind the Red Cross Hall. The major objection is:

- The area is the central point for congregating ex serviceman and women during the various Memorial events and particularly the August Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day ceremonies, which is the largest single Memorial Day annual event held in Australia for Vietnam Veterans.
- The area proposed is not conducive to Mothers with prams (fathers and grandparents included) given the steep slope down to the proposed area,
- Parking is not readily available in this area.
- Any facility in that area is prone to graffiti and general vandalism as such the facility will become a target for vandals (note that the Public Toilets have been permanently closed because of vandalism).
- The relocation of the small play area seems illogical given the equipment is well placed for Centre visits by parents, grandparents and carers and also centrally located to allow for general shopping breaks.
- The area proposed for the Centre is already served by play equipment, albeit this will probably need initial refurbishment and ongoing regular maintenance.
- To Date we have had no consultation regarding any such proposal.

From an historical viewpoint, I am of the belief that the area in question is on the land donated by Mr. Greenway to erect a relief centre for the Red Cross to minister to the returned veterans from World War I and possibly the Boer War. The original building, a wooden structure funded by the people of Springwood, stood where the current Red Cross Society now operates.

Yours sincerely

Graham Glasson
Secretary