

Don't delay or the patients will suffer

I AM very concerned that the future of a proposed facility for Weemala patients may be jeopardised because of delays by Ryde Council in signing a deed of novation (May 19).

I live in Putney and work at the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney. My children attended local schools, firstly Putney Public and then Hunters Hill and Riverside Girls high schools respectively. I have more than 50 staff colleagues at Royal Rehab who also live locally.

While working there over the past 17 years I have personally assisted people between 13 and 80 who are victims of assault, motor vehicle accidents, falls or stroke to discover that life is worth living after an illness or traumatic

injury.

I implore Ryde Council to give Royal Rehab the opportunity to continue providing specialist rehabilitation and disability services, as it has done for more than 100 years.

Please do not delay granting approval any longer, to do so you risk losing Royal Rehab all together, then where will all our elderly parents who have had a fall, our children who have had a motor vehicle accident or been assaulted, or partners who have a stroke go for help?

Council, please grant approval for Royal Rehab's redevelopment at or before the next meeting on June 8.

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