



**Greg Piper, MP**  
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## **GREG PIPER MOVES ON A GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR MORISSET**

This morning Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, lodged the second instalment of a petition calling for action on a new general hospital for Morisset. The number of signatures raised in a short period of time now exceeds 8,000 proving the level of support for a hospital in the Morisset area.

In Question Time today Mr Piper asked the Premier how he plans to use the new opportunity, provided by the recent Federal Election outcome, for a co-operative approach with the Commonwealth Government to ensure an increased budget for health and an equitable distribution of health care facilities, including provision for increased populations in growth areas.

Mr Piper, in a speech to the Parliament, drew attention to a public meeting he held in Morisset during September calling for a better health services for the area and specifically for provision of a public hospital.

He also drew the House's attention to the recent announcement by Greg Combet, now Member for Charlton, that he would support the campaign for a new hospital. "Mr Combet's attendance and support was welcomed by the community and I look forward to working with him on this and other issues" Mr Piper.

The Legislative Assembly agreed on Tuesday to seek a cooperative approach between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments to increase funding to public hospitals. "Parliament has decided to pursue a co-operative state and federal approach to increased funding for public hospitals" Mr Piper said. "Now's the time for the Iemma and Rudd governments to hear the call for a public hospital for this growing community."

Under existing plans the population of the Morisset area will increase from 23,000 to 42,000 over the next 25 years.