



HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

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Information regarding sale of public land – Cygnet Medical Centre

To support the prosperity of local business in the vibrant Cygnet community, Huon Valley Council intends to subdivide and sell the portion of land containing the Cygnet Medical Centre. The sale will be subject to a suitable medical services provider being identified through an Expressions of Interest (EOI) process. Council will make a final decision on the sale of the medical centre once the EOI process is complete.

The sale will enable Council to refocus resources into the remaining land at the Old School Farm as well as the wider Cygnet community. The removal of Council's involvement in the provision of medical services within the Cygnet community will also allow for opportunity to strengthen Huon Valley businesses.

Even if the medical centre is sold, the medical services at that location will remain secured until 2032 and any potential purchaser will need to be approved by the Federal Government. This will ensure that the interest and wellbeing of the Cygnet community is prioritised.

HVC will undertake the process for sale of public land pursuant to section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* as well as a Request for Expressions of Interest process for the sale. The EOI process will be overseen by an independent probity advisor and in accordance with an Evaluation and Probity Plan.

Further details of the processes are provided in the **Fact Sheet: Sale of Public Land – Cygnet Medical Centre** via the Huon Valley Council website.

For more information please call Mayor Bec Enders on (03) 6264 0300