



Nambucca Shire Council

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Dear Ms James

INQUIRY INTO THE JOINT USE AND CO LOCATION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

This is Council's submission.

Realistically, the only buildings of a co-location nature in this Shire are the two indoor stadiums constructed at Macksville High School and Nambucca Heads High School to which this Council financially contributes.

Both facilities are managed by the usual Community Access Committees comprising representatives of the respective schools, Council and the various user groups.

Often the success of these arrangements depends on the attitude and involvement of the School Principal.

Regrettably, this Shire sadly lacks investment in public buildings on the part of both the State Government and the Federal Government—so much so that when our local members of Parliament visit their constituents residing at Macksville, they locate themselves in the Councillors' committee room made available by the good grace of Nambucca Shire Council.

The community is anxious to see the construction of a new fire station in Nambucca Heads because the existing station does not meet occupational health and safety requirements in terms of facilities, access or egress.

The Council has made representations on many occasions for the upgrade of the Macksville Courthouse and Police Station—all to no avail. Disappointingly, parcels of land owned by the NSW Department of Commerce for many years, for the purpose of constructing a new Courthouse and Police Station in Macksville, are likely to be offered for sale in the near future.

This Council would certainly welcome Government investment.

Yours faithfully

TOM PORT
GENERAL MANAGER

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