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Smudge on Windsor's name removed

Bundarra aged care facility accusation “much ado about nothing”

The final card in the Grace Munro Aged Care Centre saga has been put to rest in what the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor says can only be considered as a scurrilous attempt to undermine the formal accreditation process of Grace Munro and “much ado about nothing”.

Mr Windsor said that he had received notification from the Special Minister of State, Senator Joe Ludwig that he would not be taking any action over “supposed” anomalies in ASIC company records drawn to his attention by someone, believed to be from H.N.McLean Retirement Village Ltd, intent on creating a possible stumbling block in the process at the time.

“Accusations were made to the Special Minister of State, Joe Ludwig in March this year about the registered address of the company on ASICs records and that I had a conflict of interest in representing the views of the Bundarra community and my role as a board member of the Grace Munro Aged Care Centre Ltd.

“These accusations were made at a critical time when Grace Munro Aged Care Centre Ltd was being assessed for accreditation as a Provider of aged care services after the previous provider, the H.N. McLean Retirement Village had pulled out of Bundarra.

“The only interpretation that can be put on the claim is that it was a thinly veiled attempt to undermine the community’s desire to take over the running of the Centre to keep an aged care facility in Bundarra.

“I am very proud to have been involved with the Bundarra community and I have no qualms about my role in Grace Munro’s takeover by the new community based company.

“I am further honoured to remain as a Board member and work with the other very dedicated and committed Board members focussed on giving aged care services within their community.

“The Grace Munro Aged Care Centre is now full and has a waiting list which fully vindicates the action of the Bundarra community,” Mr Windsor said.

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