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Call for community feedback on new hospital and rezoning

The NSW Government is calling for feedback on the concept proposal and planning controls for the new \$582 million state-of-the-art Tweed Hospital.

From the 1st to the 29th November 2018, the Department of Planning and Environment is calling for community feedback on two separate proposals associated with the hospital:

- An Explanation of Intended Effective (EIE) for the proposed State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) to introduce new planning controls on the proposed site of the new hospital; and
- A concept proposal and Stage 1 development application from Health Infrastructure, which would guide future detailed development of the proposed hospital.

The NSW Government's \$582 million investment will deliver the new hospital, as well as interim upgrades at the existing Tweed Hospital.

The Tweed-Byron region is forecast to grow 24 percent in the next 20 years and the number of people over the age of 65 is anticipated to increase by 31 percent by 2026. The new hospital will bring an expanded emergency department, enhanced surgical and ambulatory services, and additional inpatient capacity to meet the anticipated demand from this population increase.

Additionally, the new hospital will include an integrated cancer care service, including radiotherapy, as well as a diagnostic and interventional cardiology service. Development of the new hospital will mean that more than 5000 patients each year will no longer need to travel outside of the region for life-saving treatments.

Land west of Kingscliff opposite the TAFE has been identified as the preferred location for the new hospital following a comprehensive search that examined more than 50 sites.

The State Government's selection was informed by due diligence investigations undertaken by expert independent advisers who looked at more than 35 sites.

The proposed changes to the site planning controls will enable the Department of Planning and Environment to run a merit-based assessment of the development application, however the planning controls do not automatically guarantee that the proposal will be approved.

Any future development applications for the hospital will be exhibited and assessed by the Department, and subject to the outcomes of our assessment of the concept proposal.

To have your say on the proposed rezoning of the Cudgen Road site visit:

http://planspolicies.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=9659

To have your say on the new Tweed Valley Hospital Concept Application:

http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=9575

For further information please visit the project website at: www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au