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## Tweed Valley Hospital identified as priority project

The Tweed Valley Hospital has been announced as one of the NSW Government's priority projects to have its planning approval fast-tracked, assisting with the State's economic recovery.

The hospital is one of 24 projects announced by Premier Gladys Berejiklian on Friday 22 May, to have their planning assessments fast-tracked and finalised through the Planning System Acceleration Program, which is boosting the State's economy and creating opportunities for thousands of new jobs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under this program, a determination on the Stage 2 State Significant Development (SSD) application for the Tweed Valley Hospital is expected to be made within four weeks.

Health Infrastructure lodged the Stage 2 SSD application with Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 27 September 2019. Following public exhibition and agency feedback, Health Infrastructure lodged the Response to Submissions report in March 2020. The application and Response to Submissions report can be viewed on the [Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website](#).

The Stage 2 SSD application is the second stage in the two-stage planning approval process and seeks approval for:

- Construction of the main hospital building
- A range of incremental hospital expansion opportunities
- Construction of supporting healthcare buildings, referred to as the 'Health Hub'
- Internal roads and car parking, including a multi-deck car park
- Construction of a temporary building for the 'Tweed Valley Skills Centre'
- External road infrastructure upgrades and main site access
- Environmental and wetland rehabilitation
- Site landscaping
- Signage
- Utility and service works.

The pending approval of the project's Stage 2 SSD application will create opportunities for up to 650 jobs during the peak of construction.

A decision is expected to be made on the project by 18 June 2020.

For more information visit: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/fast-tracked-assessments](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/fast-tracked-assessments)