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Tweed Valley Hospital site acquired and preliminary works now underway

Another major milestone in the delivery of the brand new state-of-the-art Tweed Valley Hospital has occurred, with ownership of the site opposite Kingscliff TAFE transferred to the NSW Government on 2 November 2018.

Preliminary site works have commenced with the immediate task being to ensure appropriate environmental control measures are in place. The completion of geotechnical drilling, that was not possible while farming operations were underway, will also commence this week.

These works will enable critical path design activities to continue and provide an immediate benefit to the environmental area that is being preserved along the northern boundary of the project site.

On-site preliminary works will include:

- Site establishment
- Completion of detailed onsite investigations including geotechnical drilling to inform the detailed design of site infrastructure and the hospital basement and foundations
- Construction of sediment basins and other stormwater controls to reduce the amount of sediment and other pollutants that currently wash into the environmental area
- Weeding of noxious species and other restorative works along the edge of the environmental area
- Removal of the vacant properties and structures and remediation of a small area of asbestos contaminated land.

Appointment of construction contractors also provides the opportunity to address a number of community concerns that have been raised around the safety and capacity of the surrounding road network, such as:

- Upgrading the Tweed Coast Road/Cudgen Road intersection to provide a better level of service
- Improving the safety and design of the Turnock Street roundabout.

Health Infrastructure will work with Tweed Shire Council and other authorities on the design and early delivery of these upgrades. All works will be undertaken with relevant approvals and are not related to the State Significant Development application currently on public exhibition.

The NSW Government's \$582 million investment in health for the Tweed-Byron region will deliver a brand new, state-of-the-art major referral hospital on a greenfield site at 771 Cudgen Rd, Cudgen, opposite Kingscliff TAFE, as well as interim upgrades at The Tweed Hospital in Tweed Heads.

The project consists of:

- Delivery of a new major referral hospital to provide the health services required to meet the needs of the growing and ageing population of the Tweed-Byron region, in conjunction with the other hospitals and community health centres across the region
- Master planning for the additional health, education, training and research facilities necessary to support these health services, which will be developed with service partners over time

Tweed Valley Hospital Development

- Delivery of the supporting infrastructure required for the new hospital, including greenspace and other amenity spaces, campus roads and car parking, external road upgrades and connections, utilities connections, and other supporting infrastructure.

The new hospital will be completed in 2022 and open in 2023.

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