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## Major tender awarded to progress the new Tweed Valley Hospital

The Tweed Valley Hospital project has taken another step forward, with Lendlease Building appointed to progress the next stage of planning and design, and subject to planning approvals undertake early works for the new hospital.

The announcement marks the latest milestone in the delivery of the brand-new state-of-the-art major referral hospital for the people of the Tweed-Byron region.

Lendlease will provide the innovation required to complete the schematic design and construction planning processes for the new hospital, working alongside health planners, clinicians, operational staff and the community to transform healthcare for the Tweed-Byron region.

The planning and early works package – worth around \$25 million combined - includes on-site activities such as bulk earthworks, retaining walls, establishment of in-ground services and roadworks which are subject to, and will commence following, approval of the Stage 1 State Significant Development application.

As part of the tender process, Lendlease was required to respond to a comprehensive range of criteria, which included design innovation, maximising local industry participation and up-skilling of the local workforce, Aboriginal participation, and apprenticeship training targets.

Lendlease will work with the Tweed Valley Hospital project team to ensure the local community benefit from this significant investment in employment opportunities, roll-on economic benefits, and the provision of contemporary healthcare facilities and services for the Tweed Valley.

A local industry information session will be held early in 2019 to outline the scope of the early works packages and how Lendlease will help develop local industry capability so that local businesses have the best possible chance of competing for and winning work on this major project.

The site at Cudgen has been taking shape in recent weeks, with preliminary works conducted to secure the site and implement necessary environmental controls.

The award of this contract ensures that the project stays on track to meet the critical health service needs of the community by completing the new hospital on schedule in 2022.

For further information regarding the Tweed Valley Hospital development or the EIS process, please visit the project website at [www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au)