

## Planning for healthcare services in Tweed Heads

The Tweed-Byron region is growing and changing.

**To ensure we can provide healthcare services that meet the needs of the local community, the way that healthcare services are delivered also needs to change.**

The 2018-19 State Budget confirmed a \$582 million investment in health for the Tweed-Byron region, which will see the delivery of a brand new, state-of-the-art hospital on a greenfield site, as well as interim upgrades at the existing Tweed Hospital to help meet community needs until services transfer to the new hospital.

### Delivering the healthcare needs of the community

Planning for hospital, community health and out-of-hospital services is well underway, with a clear focus on providing for the healthcare needs of the local community.

When the new Tweed Valley Hospital opens, healthcare services currently provided at the existing Tweed Hospital will be transferred to the new Tweed Valley Hospital.

Importantly, a range of community health and other out-of-hospital services will continue to be delivered in Tweed Heads.

A key part of the overall health services planning for the Tweed-Byron region is looking at what these services will be, and how and where they will be delivered from.

We are working together with clinicians, staff and community members to ensure that we get the planning of these necessary healthcare services right.

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### Ensuring easy access to healthcare services

Maintaining easy access to healthcare services for Tweed Heads residents is a priority consideration in the project planning.

We are already working with community health and public transport providers to develop transport solutions to ensure easy access to the new hospital when it opens.

We are also working with the local community to understand how people currently use and access healthcare services in the area, which will help to inform planning for the future.

### Help us deliver exceptional healthcare solutions

We are planning now for the future healthcare services for the Tweed-Byron region.

You can help by:

- Talking to the project team so we understand your needs and to develop appropriate transport options and solutions.
- Being part of our Community Reference Panel, where you will have the opportunity to work with the project team on the design of the new hospital, as well as workshopping solutions to the big questions, such as transport options from Tweed Heads to Cudgen.

Our project team welcomes the opportunity to meet with you one-on-one, in groups, or over the telephone to understand your needs, answer any questions and provide you with information as the project progresses.

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