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GOSFORD HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT ANOTHER STEP CLOSER

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Scot MacDonald MLC and Member for Terrigal, Adam Crouch MP have welcomed the award of the construction tender to Lend Lease for the Gosford Hospital redevelopment.

The NSW Government committed $368 million for the Gosford Hospital redevelopment in February this year.

Lend Lease has been engaged under an Early Contractor Involvement procurement method, where it will develop and finalise the design documentation and undertake further enabling works to prepare the site for main works construction.

At the end of the Early Contractor Involvement phase, Lend Lease will have the opportunity to submit an offer to complete the main works, set to commence in early 2016.

Mr MacDonald said this marks an important step in the construction process.

“This procurement model provides an opportunity to get things really moving on the project, while developing plans to minimise the operational impact of the main building works,” Mr MacDonald said.

“The contractor will be working closely in conjunction with NSW Health Infrastructure and the Central Coast Local Health District to ensure the success of this important redevelopment.”

Mr Crouch said it meant construction on the much anticipated Gosford Hospital redevelopment can happen sooner and provide significantly improved services to residents of Gosford and the Central Coast.

“The Gosford Hospital will provide expanded and upgraded services to the people of the Central Coast, including a new Emergency Department - more than twice the size of the current department - a new and larger Intensive Care Unit, as well as new maternity services and a Women’s Health Clinic,” Mr Crouch said.

The Gosford Hospital redevelopment will also include:

- New Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre;
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- New endoscopy facilities;
- New inpatient wards;
- New Paediatric Treatment Unit;
- New cardio-vascular service;
- More medical imaging services, including a nuclear medicine department;
- More outpatient services that will triple the current size and capacity;
- New Rehabilitation Unit;
- Expanded cancer treatment services with more chemotherapy chairs;
- Improved visitor navigation and patient flows inside the main buildings; and
- A relocated helipad to the top of the main building.

A new main entrance off Showground Road and a new multi-storey car park are also planned as a part of the redevelopment works. As a state significant development, an Environmental Impact Statement for the redevelopment has been lodged through the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The public consultation period has now closed and Health Infrastructure is preparing a response to the submissions received.

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