

## The Hon Paul Toole MP Member for Bathurst Electorate Deputy Premier

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## BATHURST HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT TAKES A BIG STEP FORWARD

The \$200 million Bathurst Hospital redevelopment is another step closer with Member for Bathurst Paul Toole today announcing the appointment of the Project Team, alongside a call for community involvement.

Mr Toole said the NSW Government's investment will deliver new health facilities and upgraded clinical services to transform health outcomes and experiences for the local community and wider Central West region.

"The appointment of the Project Team is a key milestone in the delivery of this significant redevelopment and will ensure we can move ahead with planning to deliver innovative, patient-centred care healthcare within a modern, fit-for-purpose facility," Mr Toole said.

"Building a hospital of this size requires in-depth planning and an experienced team of project managers and architects who have worked on a range of health infrastructure projects in both metro and regional areas have been engaged to progress the redevelopment."

The project team was appointed following a competitive tender process and includes:

- TSA as the Project Manager
- Billard Leece Partnership as the Architects

Minister for Regional Health Bronnie Taylor said with the Project Team now on board, master planning is expected to be completed in early 2023, which will involve consultation with key stakeholders including clinicians, staff, patients, carers and the local community to inform planning and design.

"Feedback and input from staff, the local community, carers and patients will be an important part of the planning process, to ensure the new facility reflects the needs and values of the Bathurst, Oberon and Rylstone communities," Mrs Taylor said.

"I strongly encourage locals to attend the upcoming information sessions and meet with the Project Team directly to learn more about the planning for the redevelopment." Pop-up information sessions will be held in the hospital main foyer near the coffee shop on:

- Thursday 3 November 12pm 2pm
- Friday 11 November 10.30am 12.30pm

No RSVP is required, and everyone is welcome.

A Community Reference Group is also being established to represent the diverse needs of the local and surrounding communities, and we look forward to their valuable input to ensure the best possible health care solutions are delivered for the region.

To apply for the Community Reference Group or find out more about the community information sessions, visit www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/bathurstredevelopment, phone the project team on (02) 9978 5432 or email HI-Bathurst@health.nsw.gov.au

The Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment is part of the NSW Government's record \$11.9 billion investment in health infrastructure over four years to 2025-26, with nearly a third of the capital allocation in this financial year going towards regional and rural health facilities.

Since 2011, the government has delivered more than 180 health capital projects across NSW, with more than 130 projects currently underway – of those, more than 90 are in rural and regional areas.

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#### IMAGE

Hospital Upgrade: Member for Bathurst Paul Toole outside the Bathurst Hospital.

