

New Bendigo Hospital Project

Questions and Answers

As at 1 September 2011

What is the Baillieu Government's funding commitment to the project?

- The Baillieu Government made a pre-election commitment of an additional \$102 million. This has been funded in the May 2011 Budget and increases the total funding of the project to \$630 million.

What is happening now on the project?

- A range of enabling works are underway, including relocation of the ambulance station from Arnold Street, to clear the site for construction of the new facilities.
- The invitation to submit an Expression of Interest to design, construct and finance the new facility, was released on 1 September 2011

Will the New Bendigo Hospital be delivered as a PPP?

- Yes, the Premier announced on 9 June 2011 that the New Bendigo Hospital would be procured as a Public Private Partnership (PPP) under the Partnerships Victoria framework.

What does PPP delivery mean ?

- This means that a consortium (group of companies including builders and financiers) will be appointed to design, construct and finance the New Bendigo Hospital
- The hospital will at all times be publicly owned, operated and controlled
- The hospital will be handed back to the State at the expiry of the contract term.

Why has Government chosen to deliver the New Bendigo Hospital Project as a PPP?

- Because this method is expected to deliver the best value for the community.
- In addition, it will ensure that the project is delivered on time and on budget.

Is the design of the new hospital determined?

- No, the successful consortium will develop the design for the new hospital, in consultation with Bendigo Health.
- The work that has been carried out to date is 'proof of concept' work to demonstrate that the project can be delivered on time and within budget.

When will the tendering process commence ?

- The tendering process has commenced with the release of a public Invitation for Expressions of Interest on 1 September 2011
- Short listing is expected to be completed by end 2011, with a decision made on the successful tenderer in the second half of 2012



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When will construction commence?

- Construction will commence by December 2012.
- All enabling works will be finished in time for the development site to be cleared by December 2012.

When will the successful consortium be announced?

- It is expected that the successful consortium will be announced in the second half of 2012.

What is the Barnard Street site, what is the Lucan Street site?

- The Barnard Street site covers the Anne Caudle Centre campus, the academic precinct, Mercy Street, the ambulance station and adjacent cleared site .
- The Lucan Street site covers the Bendigo hospital campus.

What services will be at the new hospital?

- All services currently at Bendigo Hospital will be in the new hospital with expanded capacity to meet future demand.
- All psychiatric inpatient services will be consolidated in the new hospital.

Will the new hospital have an integrated regional cancer centre?

- Yes, there will be an integrated regional cancer centre on the acute hospital site.
- It will have four radiotherapy bunkers and the capacity to expand to six.

Will the new hospital have more capacity than was announced in 2010?

- Yes, the additional funding provided in the May 2011 budget enables all of the features of the Baillieu Government pre-election commitment to be delivered, in some cases with more capacity.
- The additional funding will deliver:
 - a regional integrated cancer centre on the new acute hospital site including 4 radiotherapy bunkers with capacity to expand to 6
 - 64 additional acute inpatient beds for a total of 372
 - 2 additional operating theatres for a total of 10
 - 80 acute same-day beds
 - a 5-bed mother-baby service specialising in care for post-natal depression and related conditions
 - expanded educational facilities with the information technology component able to support the teaching and training role.



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Will old buildings be used?

- Buildings which have an ongoing useful purpose will be refurbished and maintained where appropriate.
- Heritage buildings will be maintained as an important link to Bendigo's past and used to create an attractive environment where suitable
- We are working with Heritage Victoria to preserve buildings of significant heritage importance.

What services are proposed for the Lucan Street site in the future?

- The current concept allows for satellite renal dialysis to be continued on the Lucan Street site.
- All other clinical services will be located on the Barnard Street site.
- The Lucan Street site will also accommodate administrative and education functions that are not required to be co-located with the new hospital.

Will the car parking be free?

- No. There is currently a charge for on-site car parking which will be continued at the new hospital.

Will the new hospital have on-site staff car parking?

- Yes, parking is a key consideration in the planning process for the new hospital.
- It is planned that the new hospital will have 1,200 car spaces to cater for patients, visitors and staff.

Will there be on-going consultation throughout the project?

- Yes, Bendigo Health will provide regular updates on the project via the New Bendigo Hospital website and community consultation sessions



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