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New north side hospital

The ACT Government will build a new Sub-Acute Hospital on the north side of Canberra, delivering more health services to meet demand, and will begin the work immediately by undertaking more detailed studies around scope and location, Health Minister and Treasurer, Katy Gallagher MLA announced today.

“Today’s budget provides \$4 million for preliminary work for the new Hospital. This funding will be used to explore location options, as well as undertake detailed project scoping and preliminary design and financing options.

Sub-acute services are those that focus on improving mobility and functioning of patients, often following surgery or other acute hospital admission, as well as improving quality of life. The new hospital will enable these services to be provided in a purpose built facility that can focus on these services without the pressure created by emergency care needs.

“This announcement follows considerable community consultation over the last two years, culminating in the recent discussion and options analysis papers produced by the Government which outlined a number of options for the community to build up its public hospital services across Canberra.

“The Government will continue to work with Calvary Health Care in ensuring that services in the acute sector – The Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital – are working together to provide the best services for the region,” Ms Gallagher outlined.

The Minister said that a number of other compromise issues had been put on the table for further discussion, including a process to ensure role delineation between our two acute hospitals, and that land at the current Calvary site be made available for additional hospital buildings which would be owned by the people of the ACT.

“This \$4 million will allow for design work and investigation of possible sites for a new sub-acute facility which complements our comprehensive and long term plan to meet the future health needs of our growing and ageing city.

“This Budget will deliver \$129 million in health infrastructure projects for the region, building on the Governments rolling program of new health works to ensure we can provide the services we need to for the future of our region,” Ms Gallagher concluded.

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