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Local hospital redevelopment moves forward

Plans for the \$65 million Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment are now on public display, marking another milestone in delivering world-class health care to Southern Highland residents.

The lodgement of the State Significant Development (SSD) application is a key step in delivering the redevelopment project which will provide a new, purpose-built facility for the southern highlands community Joel Bardsley General Manager Bowral & District Hospital said.

“The application follows a long process of planning and consultation involving South Western Sydney Local Health District, hospital staff, local medical and emergency facilities, community and patient groups,” Mr Bardsley said.

“This combined effort will ensure that the upgraded Hospital will be a first-class facility, meeting the health needs of the community well into the future.”

As a SSD, the hospital redevelopment goes through a rigorous process of assessment by NSW Planning and Environment and the local community is welcomed to comment.

“Once planning approval is provided, we will work towards awarding the main works tender and then the main construction will begin on the project,” Mr Bardsley said.

“We are very much moving forward with the project with early works already happening on site to prepare for the new clinical services building.”

Specific project details are available as part the SSD application including plans for the:

- new three storey clinical services building fronting Mona Street
- emergency department
- inpatient units on all floors, the maternity unit plus special care nursery and paediatric unit
- operating theatres and the surgical day only unit
- car parking and drop-off facilities
- pedestrian links and connections from the new building into existing buildings
- landscaping works.

The planning application is on public display on the Department of Planning and Environment’s website at

http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=8980

This investment for Bowral & District Hospital is part of a record \$550 million health infrastructure boom for country NSW, transforming regional and rural health care.