

THE SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL OPERATING THEATRE UPGRADE PROJECT

Upgrade of Operating Theatres at The Sutherland **Hospital**

The Minister for Health and Medical Research announced an investment of \$81.5 million to redevelop The Sutherland Hospital Operating Theatre complex. The Minister has recently announced an additional \$7 million to procure and enable the installation of a MRI Suite.

To service the current and future health service demand, The Sutherland Hospital Operating Theatre Upgrade Project includes:

- New operating theatres and procedure rooms
- New Surgical Short Stay Unit and Recovery
- New staff amenities and workspaces
- Facilities for admission and discharge
- New Central Sterilising Services Department
- A new MRI Suite.



Artist's impression

The Project is a combination of new build and refurbishment and will increase operating theatre capacity to meet future demand, driven by an increasing and ageing population with an associated increase in chronic and complex disease.

The Project will deliver a contemporary operating theatre environment, improve efficiencies and access to services, and enable implementation of new models of care and surgical clinical pathways.

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Schematic Design to Detailed Design

Schematic design

During the schematic design phase, the focus is on how patients, carers, visitors and staff will move through the hospital from arrival to departure. The project team develops the lay-out of departments and services. Floor plans define the clinical, patient and carer areas, lifts and walkways.

Detailed design

In detailed design, the project team develop the 'nuts and bolts' of the designs – right down to the power points and the furniture. This is the plan the builder uses to document and construct the new building. During detailed design, the focus is on:

- Room lay-outs, including furniture, fixtures and equipment
- Refining and improving the floor lay-outs developed in schematic design
- · Continuing consumer engagement.

A major part of the planning work involves hospital staff planning how to implement new models of care, and always looking to improve the patient experience and establishing and implementation of change management plans.

What else is happening?

The most important part of any health upgrade project is preparing for the changes ahead.

The Sutherland Hospital are looking at:

- Evidence-based best practice and contemporary models of care are driving design decisions
- The composition and skills of the workforce so they are well prepared for the current and future demand

It's all about services working more effectively, starting now and into the future.



