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## St George Hospital Redevelopment – Development Application

The redevelopment of St George Hospital has reached another major milestone, with a Development Application (DA) for the Hospital's new Emergency Department and main construction works being released for public comment.

St George and Sutherland Hospitals Director of Operations, Cath Whitehurst, said the lodgement of the DA with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure is a significant step in the major capital works project.

"The proposal is being publicly exhibited from Thursday 23 August, 2012 to Friday 21 September, 2012, as part of the assessment process. This will give the community an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed development," Ms Whitehurst said.

The proposal can be viewed on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's website at <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> (click on the 'On exhibition' tab) or during business hours at:

- Department of Planning and Infrastructure – Information Centre – 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney; and
- Kogarah City Council – Customer Service Centre, 84 Railway Parade, Kogarah.

"The proposal includes the construction of facilities for a new Emergency Department that will provide expanded treatment areas and will improve patient care and efficiency," Ms Whitehurst said.

The new Emergency Department will deliver:

- Five resuscitation bays
- 14 paediatric treatment spaces (including Fast Track zone)
- Adult fast track zone
- 34-bed adult acute treatment area
- 12-bed Emergency Medical Unit for short stay admissions
- New six-bed Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre
- Two safety assessment rooms
- Possible satellite imaging (X-Ray, CT scanner)
- Eight space off-street ambulance drop off zone

In addition to the Emergency Department plans on exhibition, Ms Whitehurst said completion of early works (the Services Centre) is due by the end of 2012. The contract award for the main Emergency Department will be announced at the end of 2012.

"After the assessment process has been completed, and subject to approval, we expect construction of the new Emergency Department building will commence at the end of 2012, with completion expected in time for the unit to be occupied before the winter of 2014," she said.

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