



# Gold Coast University Hospital

## Second Project Report

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## Background

Queensland is the fastest growing state in Australia and the Gold Coast is growing at twice the State average. By 2016, the Gold Coast is expected to have a population of 640,000 as well as a significant tourist and transient population. Due to improved transport infrastructure and enhanced service provision, there is also significant provision of health services to residents of northern NSW. There will be a continuing and increasing demand for education and health services.

## Gold Coast University Hospital Project

The Gold Coast University Hospital Project (GCUH Project) is a major works project and includes the construction of a hospital, the potential reinstatement of the Churches of Christ complex and development of educational facilities in conjunction with Griffith University.

It is proposed that the GCUH Project will be constructed in the area of Olsen Avenue and Parklands Drive at Southport on the Gold Coast. The proposed site for the GCUH Project is shown on the attached sketch (**Attachment 1**).

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## GCUH Project – Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities

The GCUH Project will involve the construction of a tertiary university hospital, ground and multilevel level car parking, research and educational facilities, hospital infrastructure, provision for commercial and retail developments (the "Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities"). The GCUH Project will also include construction of proposed private hospital facilities adjacent to the Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities which are not included within the Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities in the context of this report.

It is intended that the Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities will promote excellence in health care and that, in close collaboration with education providers, the hospital will create an ideal environment for research and training of future doctors, nurses and allied health professionals.

Areas for expanded service provision for the hospital are to be cancer and cardiac services, neurosciences, trauma and neonatal intensive care.

A site plan for the Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities has been finalised (**Attachment 2**) and detailed concept plans (“Project Concept Plans”) have been prepared (**Attachment 3**).

The requirements of the Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities are described in detail in the Project Concept Plans and include:

- 750 inpatient beds;
- Super-specialty services to a variety of clinical disciplines;
- Emergency department;
- Medical imaging;
- Comprehensive cancer services including radiation oncology;
- Cardiac services including cardiac catheter facilities;
- Operating theatres, interventional suites plus endoscopy facilities;
- Integrated family, women and children’s centre;
- Mental Health inpatient facility;
- Combined intensive care unit and high dependency unit;
- Clinical support services including pathology and pharmacy;
- Operational and corporate services;
- Integrated research and educational facilities;
- 3000 place car parking facilities in two locations (subject to traffic study analysis considerations);
- Central energy plant;
- Parents and carer accommodation and child care centre.

In conjunction with the preliminary works already being undertaken it is now proposed that a program of works is undertaken comprising all further works required to design, construct and commission the Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities and to satisfy and/or further develop the requirements set out in the Project Concept Plans. It is also proposed that other works and activities reasonably incidental to those works are undertaken, including measures relating to environmental management, traffic management measures, stormwater management and, if agreement is reached between the Coordinator-General and the Churches of Christ about reinstatement of the Churches of Christ complex, reinstatement of the Churches of Christ complex as described in the following section of this report (collectively the “Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities Works”).

## Churches of Christ Reinstatement of Church Building

In order to build the Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities, it is necessary to acquire (compulsorily or otherwise) the site currently occupied by the Southport Churches of Christ in Queensland (**Attachment 1 Site C1**). The Coordinator-General is in the advanced stages of discussions with the Churches of Christ concerning the potential reinstatement of the Churches of Christ complex on an alternative site which has been located within the Project Area (**Attachment 1 Site A1**).

Pursuant to the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2008* the Coordinator-General is already undertaking certain temporary child care facility works intended to provide child care facilities to temporarily replace those currently provided to the local community by the Churches of Christ at its existing complex.

It is envisaged that a reinstated Churches of Christ complex on the new site would ultimately provide a 'new for old' but 'like for like' replacement of the existing Churches of Christ complex including: a place of worship and community auditorium, administration and community service offices; youth activities centre; playground and child care facilities; educational establishment and resource centre, community meeting rooms and a caretakers residence.

All necessary preliminary works, including site investigation at the proposed new site are ongoing.

## Griffith University Facilities

Griffith University has a range of functions including providing education of a University standard, providing facilities for study and research, encouraging the advancement and development of knowledge to provide facilities for staff and students.

The GCUH Project includes the provision of facilities to advance these functions and to provide research and technical support to the proposed tertiary hospital.

It is currently anticipated that the facilities to be provided will include: a medical and dental school with medical research; the possible expansion of the engineering faculties and other facilities and associated infrastructure (**Attachment 1 Site B**); and, the possible provision of student accommodation (**Attachment 1 Site A2**).

Sites have been identified for the construction of the medical and dental and other faculty facilities (**Attachment 1 Site B**) and possible student accommodation (**Attachment 1 Site A2**). A concept plan has been completed (**Attachment 4**).

The development of new medical and dental teaching facilities located adjacent to the new Gold Coast University Hospital Facilities is consistent with the objectives of the GCUH Project. This may require Griffith University to shut down and vacate its existing medical and dental teaching facilities near to the existing Gold Coast Hospital site at Southport and for those facilities to be acquired (compulsorily or otherwise) to be used for other purposes consistent with the Queensland Health's objectives.

Preliminary works including investigation and concept design work are ongoing to explore and refine options for undertaking these project works.

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