

The NSW Government is inviting the community to provide feedback on the proposed site for the new Tweed Valley Hospital and nominate any alternative sites for consideration, Health Infrastructure's Chief Executive, Sam Sangster announced today.

The consultation process will help ensure the construction of the new state-of-the art hospital occurs on the best available site.

The NSW Government investment in a \$534 million brand new, major referral hospital is a major gain for the Tweed Valley.

"Involving the community in confirming the right site for the Tweed Valley Hospital is the next step in building the future of healthcare for the Tweed Valley region," Mr Sangster said.

"The new hospital will provide a significant expansion in healthcare services for the region, including new services such as interventional cardiology and radiotherapy".

The NSW Government has undertaken a comprehensive site selection process, which considered more than 35 potential sites across the region. The results of this process have been made publicly available via a Site Selection Summary Report on the project website.

"Some members of the local community have raised some concerns about the location of the proposed site, the potential impact on the local farming community and Kingscliff itself," Mr Sangster said.

"In recognition of these concerns, the NSW Government has directed Health Infrastructure to undertake a further consultation period of six weeks around the proposed site.

"During this time, the community is invited to provide detailed feedback on the proposed site; as well as identify any potential alternative sites to be considered by the project team."

Site Feedback / Alternative Site Nomination Forms will be available on the Tweed Valley Hospital project website or in hard copy at The Tweed Hospital reception and Murwillumbah District Hospital receptions.

Forms and any supporting information are required to be submitted through the Tweed Valley Hospital project email address (tweedvalleyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au) or by mail to the project team by no later than 5pm on Thursday June 14. Early submissions are encouraged to enable the timely assessment of submissions.

Submissions will be assessed by the project team in conjunction with a Tweed Shire Council Reference Group comprising a small number of Councillors and Council officers. An Alternative Site Review Summary Report will be published at the conclusion of this process and the process will be overseen by an independent Probity Advisor.

For more information, please visit the project website at www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au/

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