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## Sod turn kicks off works for the new Tweed Valley Hospital

A sod-turning ceremony has marked the countdown to the start of construction on the state-of-the art Tweed Valley Hospital.

Health Infrastructure's Chief Executive and project team joined Northern NSW Local Health District, hospital staff and political representatives to celebrate the major milestone.

The NSW Government is investing \$582 million in health for the Tweed-Byron region. As part of this investment the new hospital will deliver world class healthcare services for the community closer to home.

Delivery of new services - like radiotherapy and interventional cardiology - means over 5,000 people a year will no longer need to travel outside the region for life-saving treatments.

Local Tweed civil construction business, CD Excavations, has been awarded the first early works contract to carry out roadworks and the initial site preparation. This is one of more than 60 construction packages to be awarded for the new hospital.

Early works include preparation of the site for construction of the hospital buildings, including creation of permanent and temporary site access, bulk excavation, piling and retaining walls and in-ground services.

Health Infrastructure has now lodged a request with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to commence the Stage 2 State Significant Development application process. The request will seek approval for the detailed design, construction, and commissioning of the hospital buildings.

Construction is on track to be completed in late 2022 with the hospital opening its doors to its first patients in 2023.

We invite you to view the [Tweed Valley Hospital construction animation](#).