

FAQs

Future use of The Tweed Hospital site

What will happen to the existing Tweed Hospital site when the new hospital opens?

The future of the existing hospital site will be considered as planning progresses for the services and infrastructure required at the new Tweed Valley Hospital.

Existing hospital services provided at The Tweed Hospital will transfer to the new facility once it is operational.

It is anticipated that construction of the new hospital will be completed in 2022.

The NSW Government's commitment to invest \$534 million into a new state-of-the-art facility for the Tweed Valley Hospital is currently the biggest regional investment in NSW.

Access to the existing hospital site is affected by flooding. There is inadequate space to develop the necessary health infrastructure needed as the demand for hospital services in the region increases.

The new hospital will improve patient outcomes by implementing the latest healthcare models and deliver the most up to date health services, enabling a greater number of patients to be treated closer to home.

The process to plan, design and construct a hospital of this size takes a number of years to complete. In the meantime, a program of interim upgrade works will be undertaken at the current hospital to assist in meeting the needs of the community until the new hospital opens.

The use of the existing hospital site will be subject to a decision by NSW Government in accordance with Government policy and protocols.

What healthcare services are you planning to provide at the new hospital and in the community?

Northern NSW Local Health District has started the service planning process and is currently working with clinicians to finalise the Service Statement for the new Tweed Valley Hospital. The Service Statement will set out the level and capacity of the full range of healthcare services that will be provided at the new hospital and will inform the Clinical Services Plan for the broader health network.

The service planning process will take into account community health and ambulatory care services, as well as in-hospital services.

Have you considered the social impact of moving the hospital to a new location?

A 'Social Impact Assessment' will be prepared to support the planning proposal for development of the new Tweed Valley Hospital. This information will be advertised as part of the planning submission and this will include community consultation.

The Social Impact Assessment will assess the social impacts and benefits to the community at both a local and regional level. It will also look at the social impacts of transferring hospital services from the existing Tweed Hospital site to the new Tweed Valley Hospital.