

HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

Media Statement



DATE: 25 January 2019

SUBJECT: Tweed Valley Hospital – response to Relocate’s statement.

Health Infrastructure (HI) understands that the Relocate organisation may have publicly issued the attached statement, entitled “The Half Billion Dollar Cover-up” dated 18 January 2019.

The Statement makes incorrect allegations regarding the Tweed Valley Hospital site selection process, works presently being carried out at the site, and the conduct of HI project team members and other people involved in the project.

The correct information in relation to the matters addressed in the Statement is as follows:

1. The site was chosen as the best location for the construction of the new Tweed Valley Hospital. The reasons for doing so have been transparent, with the key findings summarised in the Tweed Valley Hospital – Site Selection Summary Report dated July 2018.
2. The Site is demonstrably suitable for the new Tweed Valley Hospital. This is clear from the Site Selection Report and the environmental assessment supporting State significant development application 18_9575.
3. There has been and will be no “destruction” of any protective wetland buffer.
4. HI is not “pretending” to be a farmer in undertaking the works on the site. These works are being undertaken for the protection of the environment.
5. We have been engaging with Tweed Shire Council in a co-operative manner in relation to issues concerning the site, and reject any suggestion of inappropriate conduct.
6. Actual vandalism has taken place at the site, which has been disruptive to the progression of the environmental works as well as posing safety risks.

It is important that all discussion and debate occurs on accurate facts so that the public is not misled. It is also important to HI to protect its staff against false and damaging allegations.

HI has encouraged Relocate to withdraw the incorrect allegations in the Statement.

Should anyone wish to check information to ensure it’s factual before publishing, we encourage them to please contact the Project Office on 1800 992 634 or email tweedvalleyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au

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