

**Brad Hazzard** Minister for Health and Medical Research

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## \$479 MILLION RYDE HOSPITAL FORGES AHEAD

The existing Ryde Hospital campus will be transformed into a state-of-the-art facility with expanded and improved emergency care, critical care, community and outpatient services.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard and Member for Ryde Victor Dominello announced the existing site as most suitable after extensive consultation with hospital staff and the local community.

"We've listened to our doctors, nurses and allied health professionals and the community on both options of the current site or Macquarie University. Overwhelmingly, they all wanted to remain in Ryde and we are confident that this is the best way forward," Mr Dominello said.

"With the site now chosen, the local community is set to receive a huge boost to health services and we can now move forward in bringing first-class health services to the area.

"This will preserve the historic Denistone House, retain the significant investment in rehabilitation services at Graythwaite and make best use of the current services already available at Ryde."

Mr Hazzard said that ties to Macquarie University will also be strengthened on campus.

"The new Ryde Hospital and Macquarie University will work together in creating teaching and research opportunities alongside clinical placements," Mr Hazzard said.

Northern Sydney Local Health District in partnership with Health Infrastructure will now begin the next phase of consultation with clinicians, staff, patients, carers, consumers and the local community on the design of the new hospital.

The team is calling for community members to join a Consumer Reference Group to help shape the direction of the redevelopment.

To register your interest please visit: rydehospitalredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au and complete the form by Friday 10 December 2021.

Hospital planning is a complex process that involves extensive consultation with staff, patients, consumers and the community to ensure the right clinical needs are met. To find out more visit <u>www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/our-business/how-to-build-a-hospital</u>

The NSW Government is investing a record \$10.8 billion in health infrastructure over the next four years to 2024-25.

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