

SPIRE PROJECT: THE FACTS

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PROJECT AIM

The SPIRE Project will deliver a state-of-the-art emergency, surgical and critical health care facility at Canberra Hospital. It will future-proof Canberra's healthcare system and is the largest health infrastructure project undertaken by the ACT Government.

SPIRE FEATURES AND BENEFITS



39 ADDITIONAL
EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT
TREATMENT SPACES
(114 IN TOTAL)



DOUBLE THE
EXISTING ICU
TREATMENT
SPACES FROM
30 TO 60



22 OPERATING
THEATRES
REDUCING
SURGICAL WAIT TIMES



4 NEW
DEDICATED
PAEDIATRIC
ICU BEDS



55 DAY
SURGERY
BEDS



RELOCATION
OF THE HELIPAD
IMPROVING SERVICE
ACCESS FOR CRITICALLY
UNWELL PATIENTS

CANBERRA'S CHANGING DEMAND FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES

By 2032, the ACT's population, and that of the surrounding region, is forecast to increase by more than 120,000. Combined with an ageing population, this growth will increase the demand on health services that are already operating at, or

near, capacity. The new state-of-the-art emergency, surgical and critical health care facility at the Canberra Hospital will serve Canberrans for generations to come.



BEGINNING THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Consultation has begun with our near neighbours and the wider ACT community to introduce the SPIRE Project. This consultation includes the establishment of a Local Community Reference Group, a Consumer Reference Group and the Clinical Advisory Group which has ten Clinical Working Groups reporting directly to it on matters involving clinical requirements and models of care.

These conversations are just the start of the journey. Through community groups, information forums and online surveys, there will be ongoing opportunities for community input.

LOCAL COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Initial local community consultation has focused on three main elements for the SPIRE Project team to consider during the design process; safety, traffic and parking.

In relation to **safety**, it has been raised that the location of Garran Primary School is adjacent to the location of the SPIRE Project. To address these concerns, we're conducting traffic studies to better understand these concerns.

Work is underway to determine **traffic flows**, and the general visibility of drivers and pedestrians as well as impacts on the traffic network. This report will be shared broadly once finalised.

Another point has been made about the entrance to the new facility. We

note that while there are considerable advantages to separating the main Emergency Department entry from the ambulance entry, further analysis to better understand the impacts on the traffic network will be carried out before any decisions are made.

Dedicated offsite **parking** will be provided for construction workers during the building of the SPIRE Project. Parking concerns for the public will be addressed in the next phase of the Canberra Hospital Campus Master Plan. Consultation in this phase will be extensive and will include clinicians, the campus workforce and the local community. The Campus Master Plan will be integrated with the SPIRE Project and both project teams will be working collaboratively to ensure a seamless outcome for Hospital users.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The purpose of consulting with the community is to understand everybody's concerns and the implications associated with a project. It's important to note this project is still in the early stages of detailed design and the Government will work closely with the community and design experts to understand all the implications of this facility.

THE SPIRE PROJECT'S FOOTPRINT ON THE CANBERRA HOSPITAL CAMPUS

When constructing new, large health care facilities, it is important to get the details right. There has been significant planning work done on the Canberra Hospital Campus Master Plan over many years to ensure the final scope of the project meets the needs of Canberrans long into the future.

Many of the hospital's facilities are approaching the end of their useful lives. Retrofitting them with new and emerging technology is very challenging and costly and would impact the hospital's capacity to provide patient services.

The decision on where to locate the SPIRE Project facility was not made in isolation of this previous work and the best outcome for patients was ultimately the defining influence on its location. This was based on the space available on campus, linkages to existing services, and the ability to keep all clinical services open during construction. The final phase of the hospital Campus Master Plan is expected to be completed in June 2020. The new facility will connect to the existing hospital facilities, ensuring patients can be transferred safely and efficiently.



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