



*The NSW Government is investing \$180 million in the Lower Mid North Coast Health Service Project, bringing together the Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2 and Forster-Tuncurry health facility projects.*

*Planning is continuing for the Manning Base Hospital Stage 2 Redevelopment to provide modern facilities and enhanced health services to the communities of Taree and Manning Valley region.*

*This project update contains information on planning progress and next steps for the project, including preparation of the project's review of environmental factors and consultation activities.*

## Have your say on demolition works

Demolition work is required to prepare the redevelopment for future construction activities. The work includes demolition of the administration building, mortuary and old fever ward, as well as the relocation of two bulk oxygen tanks on site.

A review of environmental factors for the demolition work has been prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts of the work and identify activities to manage and mitigate these impacts. Investigations found the work is unlikely to have a significant impact with the implementation of mitigation and management measures.

The community and stakeholders are invited to view and provide feedback on the review of environmental factors by visiting the [Health Infrastructure website](#). Feedback is invited by **17 February 2025** and will be considered to finalise the environmental assessment.

The demolition work is expected to be carried out later this year, following planning approval and appointment of a building contractor to undertake the work.

## Background

The Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1 is complete and delivered enhanced cancer care services, renal dialysis services, medical imaging services, a hospital car park reconfiguration, increased consultation spaces and a refurbished hospital main entrance.

Planning for the Manning Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2 has been underway since 2021 and has involved extensive consultation with health service staff, stakeholders and the community to develop and complete the project's master plan and concept design.

Activities currently underway include finalising the Stage 2 detailed design and preparing the environmental assessment and planning approval documentation, which will be displayed for community and stakeholder feedback later this year.



*An artist's impression of what the new inpatient unit will look like.*

## Benefits

The Stage 2 Redevelopment will:

- Provide contemporary facilities to support best practice models of care
- Provide patients, families and carers with a contemporary facility to meet the health needs of the community now and in the future
- Enable new and upgraded clinical facilities to be seamlessly integrated into the future.

## Concept design

The concept design for Stage 2 was released for community and stakeholder feedback in June 2022. The feedback received is being considered to finalise the project design and prepare the project's environmental assessment.

## Involving the community and stakeholders

The project team is working with health services staff, the community and stakeholders during the planning process to help shape the redevelopment and minimise impacts of the project and construction activities.

We will continue to work with health service staff, the community and stakeholders as project planning progresses.

## Next steps

Upcoming planning activities include:

- Community and stakeholder consultation
- Public exhibition of the Stage 2 review of environmental factors
- Finalise detailed design.

Timing for construction will be determined following planning approval.

**For more information:**

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