

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
Minister for Children, Youth and Families
Minister for Disability
Minister for Employment and Workplace Safety
Minister for Health
Minister for Urban Renewal
Member for Kurrajong

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 October 2019 regarding the location of the SPIRE Project on the Canberra Hospital Campus.

The SPIRE Project will be the largest healthcare infrastructure project ever undertaken in the ACT. It will deliver a bigger, better Canberra Hospital with more operating rooms, emergency treatment spaces and intensive care beds.

The location of the SPIRE Project was based on significant consultation and technical work to understand the best location for this new development. This included extensive consultation with clinicians, consideration of the space available on campus, the requirement for efficient linkages to other hospital services and the ability to keep all clinical services operational during construction. A core requirement of the project is that vital health services for the Canberra community are not disrupted during the building of the SPIRE Project.


This is a complex project which requires considerable planning and consultation to ensure we deliver the best possible outcomes. Ten clinical user-groups have been established that will direct and review the developing specifications and designs for the new facility. These include the Emergency Department, surgical and procedures areas and medical imaging.


I would like to assure you that the plans released are concept designs for the site and that consultation to date represents an early step in community engagement. We are committed to engaging with both our near neighbours and the greater ACT community to deliver a fit for purpose, state of the art facility that will provide vital services for our community, well into the future. The ACT Government is mindful of traffic pressures within the precinct and is keen to work with the community, including Garran Primary School and local residents, to address these as part of the broader planning process.

With regard to the Canberra Hospital Master Plan, I can advise that this work is expected to be complete in mid-2020. The Master Plan will complement SPIRE and look at important links between this building and the rest of the campus.

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For further information on the project and to stay informed about upcoming opportunities for community feedback, I encourage you to visit the ACT Health website at <https://www.health.act.gov.au> and subscribe to the SPIRE mailing list.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA

Lowes, Shannon (Health)

From: Ritchie, Angela (Health) on behalf of Health Ministerial Liaison Officer
Sent: Tuesday, 12 November 2019 1:25 PM
To: ACT Health StrategicInfrastructure
Subject: Urgent: SPIRE Ministerial for Review
Attachments: FW: SPIRE traffic; [REDACTED] - SPIRE Location.docx

Importance: High

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Good afternoon

See below email for your urgent action please.

Kind regards

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Many thanks
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Hi – this looks fine, nothing to add. Liz Lopa has reviewed also

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SPIRE0001	22-Nov-18	Clinicians	Information Forum	22-Nov-18	Summary of questions and response on file	Q&A session followed the presentation.	Panel: CHS CEO, DG, Calvary CEO, DDG, BHSP	22-Nov-18
SPIRE0002	12-Dec-18	Ren Tan, Director of Cardiology	Email	12-Dec	Ren raised concerns regarding reduced number of cardiology beds & consultation process		Karen Doran	
SPIRE0003	12-Dec-18	Anthony Chase	Facebook	NA	The present tense 'is' hardly appropriate, better to say 'may'. This funding is slated for 2022-23.	Desicion to let comment stand. No response	NA	NA
SPIRE0004	13-Dec	Mihsa Kaur, Richard Hopkins	Linkedin	14-Dec	https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6478825824060604416	ACT Health liked comments. No further response required	ACT Health	14-Dec
SPIRE0005	13-Dec	Nardine Johnson P.A.R.T.Y Program Coordinator	Email	14-Dec	I am interested in being part of the clinical workforce engagement team.		BHSP	22-Jan
SPIRE0006	14-Dec	Glenn Pidgeon, Garran resident	email	14-Dec	Garran resident concerned about bldg height, noise and updates	Advised of height restriction, noise regluations and future updates	BHSP	17-Dec
SPIRE0007	17-Dec	Jennifer Elliot Director Clinical Records	Email	17-Dec	concerned about access to car parks during constuction	Concerns noted, car parking a consideration for the development planners	BHSP	17-Dec
SPIRE0008	26-Dec	Lachlan LIPSETT ENT Specialist	email	07-Jan	What are the opportunitites for input into design	Advised of upcoming staff information regarding governace structure and opportunities for clinical input into design.	BHSP	07-Jan
SPIRE0009	07-Jan	Deborah Colliver, Director Women, Youth and Children Community Health Programs	email	07-Jan	Seeking input into CaRHU models of care and HPU to inform new accomodation specification (moving out of building 5 as a result of SPIRE)	Caroline sent HPU brief and advised further conversations will take place with CaHRU staff	Caroline Bartholomew	07-Jan
SPIRE0010	17-Jan	Nardine Johnson	email	22-Jan	Seeking input into SPIRE design by ED Surgery and Oral Health. Nardine P.A.R.T.Y Program Coordinator (Prevent Alcohol & Risk-related Trauma in Youth	Advised governance strucutre has been endorsed and EDs will have input through their participation in the PCG. Advised project are in the early design phase and	BHSP	22-Jan
SPIRE0011	19-Feb	Janine Vickers, Clinical Trials Management	email	19-Feb	concerned about staff car parks follwoign expansion of CHWC and SPIRE	that parking is a consdieration in the planning process	BHSP	19-Feb
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CHWC0001	06-May	from DG/CEO to RMHC CE	lettter/email		Letter & site rpeport sent to RMHC re decant required for expansion	received email, board meeting will consider paper 20 May noted as an item for inclusion in planning		18 April & 13 May
CHWC0002	17-Apr	Sue-Ella McGufficke, Manager MyHealth	email	18-Apr	Staff well-being rooms in new builds	discussions	BHSPand Colm Mooney	(Colm)