

Andrew Constance MP Member for Bega

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SITE REVEALED FOR THE NEW EUROBODALLA HEALTH SERVICE

The new \$200 million Eurobodalla Health Service is another step closer for the local community with a preferred site identified in south-east Moruya.

Member for Bega Andrew Constance said today marks a significant milestone in the delivery of the \$200 million Eurobodalla regional hospital.

"I made it clear to the community that this announcement was imminent, and here we are today.

"This facility will be built to cater for the health service needed across the region. It will be an incredible place of care for our community and a tremendous workplace for staff.

"The Eurobodalla Health Service will deliver a new, modern and purpose-built hospital to accommodate a range of Level 4 Services for the entire Eurobodalla Shire, from Narooma to Batemans Bay," Mr Constance said.

"Consultation with the community and consumers, local Aboriginal groups and key stakeholders, including Transport for NSW and the Eurobodalla Shire Council, helped identify the preferred site in south-east Moruya."

"The preferred site has been evaluated against a range of assessment criteria including current and projected population growth areas, flood and bushfire zones, capacity for future expansion, transport, and access to and from key infrastructure such as Moruya Airport and the planned Moruya Bypass. An acquisition process will now commence with the owner of the preferred site.

"This is a regionally significant development. Planning and design of the new hospital will be a collaborative process involving consultation with clinicians, staff, patient groups, local stakeholders and the community," Mr Constance said.

Stakeholders, health service staff and community members are invited to <u>visit the interactive site</u> <u>map</u> to explore the preferred site location, provide feedback and ask questions.

"The new hospital will bring hundreds of construction and health service jobs to the region, with site works expected to start once the recommended site is acquired, and project planning and design processes are complete," Mr Constance said.

The project team has been appointed to commence planning, with the team comprising Health Infrastructure, Southern NSW Local Health District, Root Partnerships (Project Manager), Conrad Gargett (Architecture) and Genus Advisory (Cost Manager).

The \$200 million to deliver the new Eurobodalla Health Service builds on the NSW Government's extensive investment in health facilities across the district.

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