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### **Feedback sought on Wagga Wagga Base Hospital proposal**

Comments are being sought on a proposal to redevelop Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, which has been placed on public exhibition by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The proponent, Health Infrastructure, is seeking approval to redevelop the existing hospital and associated facilities.

The proposal requests concept plan approval for:

- a new hospital constructed in phases;
- building footprints;
- maximum building heights;
- site access;
- car parking; and
- a helipad.

The environmental assessment is on public exhibition for 30 days **from Wednesday 3 August to Friday 2 September**. Interested members of the public are encouraged to lodge a submission providing feedback during this time.

Any submissions received will be carefully considered, along with the proponent's response to the issues raised in these submissions, as part of the Department's assessment of the project.

All submissions, along with the proponent's response to submissions document, will be made available on the Department's website.

The Department has required Health Infrastructure to address issues including built form and urban design, local amenity, and traffic impacts in its environmental assessment.

The proposal is being assessed by the Department because it is a hospital development with a capital investment value of more than \$15 million.

The environmental assessment for the project can be viewed during regular business hours at:

- **Wagga Wagga City Council** – Cnr Baylis Street and Morrow Street, Wagga Wagga.
- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney.

All relevant project documents are also publicly available on the Department's website, and can be accessed by visiting <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> and following the links to the 'On Exhibition' page.

Submissions can be:

- Faxed to (02) 9228 6455;
- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001;
- Emailed to [plan\\_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au); or
- Online at [majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au) (then search for the project).

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NOTE: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.