Port Macquarie Base Hospital extension plans revealed

The NSW Government has released plans for a proposed extension and refurbishment of Port Macquarie Base Hospital.

The proposal, which is being publicly exhibited for four weeks by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, includes 113 beds, seven operating theatres, two procedure rooms, an expansion of the emergency unit, demolition, support services, tree removal, earthworks and landscaping.

The department required the proponent, Health Infrastructure, to address a number of issues in its environmental assessment including the urban design of the project within the hospital precinct and surrounding development, as well as impacts on the environment, residential amenity and transport.

The environmental assessment is on exhibition from Thursday 8 March 2012 until Friday 6 April 2012 and is available to view at:

- Department of Planning and Infrastructure - Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney; and
- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council - Customer Service Centre, Corner of Lord and Burrawan Streets, Port Macquarie.

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:

- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au; or lodged online via the website;
- Posted to Director, Metropolitan and Regional Projects North, Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001; or
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6455.

Media contact: Brendan Berecry, (02) 9228 6257

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.