

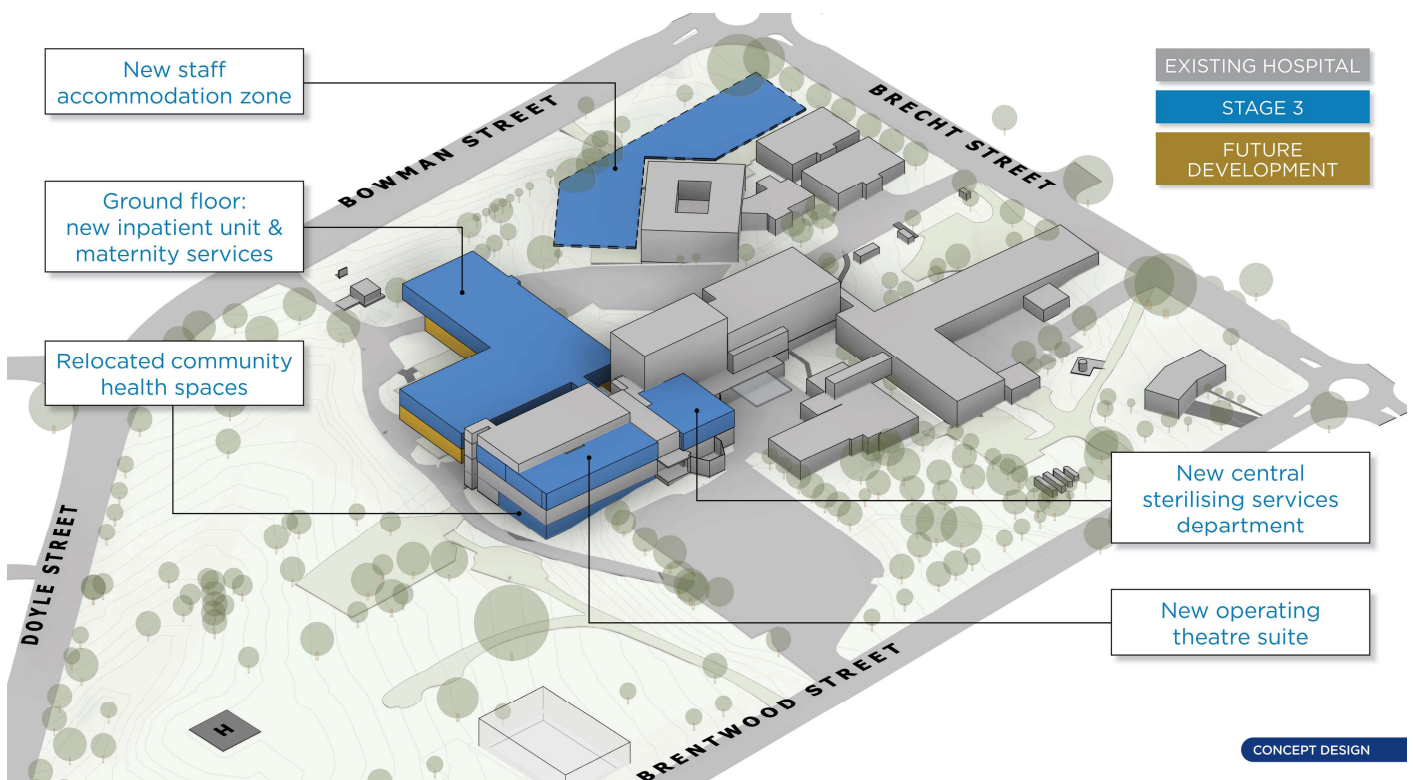
## Concept design consultation – June 2022

### Project background

The NSW Government has committed \$45 million to deliver Stage 3 of the Muswellbrook Hospital Redevelopment to deliver a health service that will meet the current and future health needs of the community. Health Infrastructure has released the concept design for Stage 3 of the Muswellbrook Hospital Redevelopment. This builds on and complements Stages 1 and 2 and will consolidate all acute clinical services into one building.

Health Infrastructure in partnership with Hunter New England Local Health District is planning to deliver Stage 3 of the Muswellbrook Hospital Redevelopment to provide improved health services.

Early works of the redevelopment are due to start in late 2022. The project is expected to be complete in early 2025.



### Consultation

The project team, which includes representatives from Hunter New England Local Health District, Health Infrastructure and architecture firm, dwp, consulted on the concept design with the local community. The consultation occurred in person at Muswellbrook Workers Club and provided an update on the concept design, project status and timeline.

There were approximately 16 community members, media, union representatives and staff in attendance. All the feedback received has been provided to the project team and is summarised below.

Questions raised by the community regarding the project include:

**Will there be more car parking provided at the hospital?**

No. There will not be any additional car spaces included as part of the redevelopment. The project is focused on replacing ageing infrastructure with contemporary spaces for clinical services.

**Will there be changes in car parking during construction?**

Some existing roads may be altered and there will be some temporary changes to parking. Staff and the community will be kept informed of any impacts to parking throughout the project.

**Why was the shell space delivered in Stage 2 but not fitted out straight away?**

In our planning, we typically create health spaces that will meet the future needs of communities. The shell space was developed in Stage 2 to allow for future expansion, which is now being delivered as part of Stage 3.

**How will asbestos removal be managed in old buildings?**

The health and safety of Muswellbrook Hospital patients, visitors and staff is paramount. A comprehensive management strategy of asbestos at Muswellbrook Hospital will be undertaken prior to the commencement of early works. There is an Asbestos Management Plan for all health facilities in the Hunter New England Local Health District.

### What's next?

In late 2022, early works are expected to start. We will also be in the community to share more about the Stage 3 redevelopment.

We will seek planning approvals in early 2023 for the main works package, which will see the construction of a new inpatient unit and relocation of community health services.



*Images: Upper Hunter MP Dave Layzell speaking at the Community Information Session.*

### Contact us

Your feedback is welcome. Contact the project team on [hi-muswellbrook@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hi-muswellbrook@health.nsw.gov.au)

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