




Speech By
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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.43 am): On Sunday, together with my health minister, Cameron Dick, we announced Australian Unity as the preferred tenderer to develop the site of the former children's hospital at Herston in Brisbane. This announcement means Queenslanders will benefit from a new \$1.1 billion health precinct, which will include a public hospital, a private hospital, aged care, retirement living, residential and student accommodation, retail and commercial space, child care and new public spaces right in the heart of Brisbane.

This project will create 750 jobs during construction, with hundreds of ongoing jobs. Metro North Health and Hospital Service has identified the Specialist Rehabilitation and Ambulatory Care Centre as a priority for service delivery for patients. Its position alongside Queensland's biggest hospital, the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, means that it will complement the services provided in this hospital and provide staffing efficiencies.

The 132-bed centre will comprise 100 rehabilitation beds, special purpose rehabilitation support areas and a surgical and endoscopic centre with a 32-bed surgical inpatient room, seven operating theatres as well as other much needed medical support services. As such, a key part of this site will be a public hospital providing specialist rehabilitation services and elective surgery to Queenslanders. My government has ensured that the primary purpose of this site will remain, and will always remain, the delivery of health services for Queenslanders.