

Question on Notice
No. 1675
Asked on 11 November 2008

MR STEVENS asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the impending move of the Salvation Army's Drug and Rehabilitation Centre from its Southport premises to Tamborine Mountain—

When will this move take place and what facilities will be provided for at the new facility?

ANSWER:

Queensland Health is currently undertaking a Community Infrastructure Designation process on the purchased site at MacDonnell Road, Eagle Heights. This process is expected to be finalised at the end of January 2009.

The Department is following the formal process outlined in the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, which requires an environmental assessment be undertaken on factors such as anticipated noise levels, traffic, the impact on existing infrastructure such as sewerage systems, and the integration of the type of service within that environment.

Once the assessment is finalised it will be made readily available to the public. This ensures everyone is able to review the assessment and what impacts the Salvation Army service is likely to have on the site. This formal three week community consultation phase commenced at the end of November.

The environmental assessment and the outcomes of the community consultation will then be presented to me in a report for a decision regarding whether the property is appropriate for use by the Salvation Army's Recovery Service.

As stated, the report is due to me at the end of January for a decision. If the Community Infrastructure Designation process is successful, the earliest date the Salvation Army would operate from the site is early February 2009.

Should this relocation be approved, the existing facilities on site - which was formerly used as a retreat and function centre - will need minimal refurbishment to accommodate the service.

Queensland Health has always intended to consult with the local community regarding the proposed use of the Eagle Heights site. The department has been awaiting the completion of an environmental assessment report of the site prior to undertaking a formal three week community consultation period.

The consultation period commenced on Thursday 27 November and will conclude on Thursday 18 December 2008.

During this period the assessment report will be readily available to the public for review at the following locations:

- Library and Information Centre, Department of Public Works, Level 2B, 80 George Street, Brisbane, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- Gold Coast University Hospital Project Office, Level 3, 33 Scarborough Street, Southport, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- An information booth will also be located at the Georgian Room, St George's Anglican Church, Cnr Dapsang Drive and Eagle Heights Road, Eagle Heights
- The report can also be viewed online at www.health.qld.gov.au/gcuhospital.

Michael Walsh, the CEO of the Major Hospitals Project Office together with Russell Grice of the Salvation Army, will be personally hand delivering hard copies of the report to residences directly adjoining the Eagle Heights site.