

Question on Notice
No. 351
Asked on 31 March 2022

Mr D Crisafulli asked Premier and Minister for the Olympics (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Premier's recent social media posts saying 'we're building 3 new hospitals' at Bundaberg, Springfield and Coomera—

Will the Premier provide (a) the construction start date and (b) the planned opening date for each of these three hospitals?

ANSWER:

I am advised building hospitals requires detailed planning, consultation, and assessment.

Planning for a new hospital is a complex process, one which must ensure it considers the safety, well-being and standard of care delivered through the facility to the community.

For any new hospitals, it is vital detailed planning is undertaken. I have been advised, for the proposed Bundaberg and Coomera hospitals, the planning phase for these facilities is nearing completion, and once complete, will guide the construction start and opening timeframes.

We are partnering with Mater Health Services to deliver a new public hospital in Springfield to cater for the rapidly growing population in the Greater Ipswich region.

I am further advised that construction commencement at these three new hospital sites is contingent on completion of both detailed facilities plans and tendering processes. Opening dates are likewise contingent on achieving both practical completion of facilities and safe commissioning of clinical services.

My Government has made significant and continued investments in health infrastructure that will see more than 1000 hospital beds delivered over the coming years. As well as major expansion of the Logan, Caboolture and Ipswich hospitals, our capital pipeline includes continued investment in new and upgraded regional hospitals at Atherton, Cairns, Thursday Island, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Sarina and Proserpine.

In addition, a \$265 million investment in seven new Satellite Hospitals across South East Queensland will provide services close to home and free up capacity at major hospitals.

Our Satellite Hospitals, an Australian first initiative, will be built in the Redlands, Eight Mile Plains, Caboolture, Ripley, Pine Rivers, Tugun and Bribie Island. Construction commenced at the Redlands and Caboolture sites in April 2022.