

## Question on Notice

No. 988

Asked on 12 October 2022

**MS A LEAHY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

### QUESTION

Will the Minister advise (a) of the hospitals in the Darling Downs Hospital and Health District that are listed for redevelopment in the next five years, (b) the project milestones for each redevelopment and (c) the community public consultation the government intends for each redevelopment?

### ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government's 2022-23 Budget provided funding as part of the *Queensland Health and Hospitals Plan* for the:

- \$1.3 billion new Toowoomba Hospital, as part of \$9.78 billion in additional capital funding over six years for new hospitals and hospital expansion projects across the state
- Tara Hospital Redevelopment, as part of Phase 2 of the *Building Rural and Remote Health Program*.

The new Toowoomba Hospital is expected to be completed and operational in the second half of 2027. Initial community consultation for the new Toowoomba Hospital has already occurred as part of a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation that was completed in July 2022. An updated project communications plan is being developed which will detail the next phase of community consultation to be undertaken in 2023.

The Tara Hospital Redevelopment is expected to be completed and operational in 2024-25. The communications plan for the Tara Hospital Redevelopment is currently under development.