

Question on Notice

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MR J MARTIN ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister outline the number of treatments that are unavailable to public health patients who are unable to pay private rates in Toowoomba due to the redevelopment of Toowoomba Hospital?

ANSWER

There are no services that are unavailable at the Toowoomba Hospital due to the development of the New Toowoomba Hospital.

The New Toowoomba Hospital is being delivered as part of the Crisafulli Government's Hospital Rescue Plan.

The New Toowoomba Hospital will be located on a single site at the Baillie Henderson Campus, in line with recommendations from the Independent Review of the Capacity Expansion Program, which identified major flaws in the former government's planning for the project.

The former government's plan for the New Toowoomba Hospital had a \$680 million cost blowout, driven by inadequate planning that ignored clinical advice. Services that would have been unavailable at this hospital, had the former government's plan proceeded unchanged include:

- no transit lounge
- no operating theatres
- no dialysis
- no geriatric rehabilitation
- no birthing services

The Crisafulli Government's plan for the New Toowoomba Hospital has all services being delivered on a single campus, avoiding \$400m/year in costs associated with operating two hospital campuses. Stage 1 is set to be completed in 2029, with 538 beds at the Baillie Henderson Campus including an 84-bed mental health unit, multi-storey car park and expanded clinical services.