

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Tender awarded for expansion of Endoscopy Department

Construction on the \$2.2 million Toowoomba Hospital Endoscopy Refurbishment project is scheduled to start in early January 2015.

This week Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) Chief Executive Dr Peter Bristow announced that a tender had been awarded for the project.

"I am very pleased to announce that the tender for the Toowoomba Hospital Endoscopy Refurbishment project has been awarded to Northbuild Constructions Pty Ltd, Toowoomba," Dr Bristow said.

"The \$2.2 million project has been funded by a DDHHS budget surplus, and a very generous donation of \$1 million from the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation.

"The refurbishment will double the current capacity of the hospital's Endoscopy Unit, providing one new operating procedure room, one new pre-wait room and an additional three Stage 1 recovery spaces, giving the unit six in total.

"This is a great example of the DDHH Board reinvesting budget surplus funds for the benefit of the community, and we must also say a sincere thank you to the Hospital Foundation for its support of the project."

Toowoomba Hospital Foundation CEO Peter Rookas noted that the donation was the most substantial ever made by the Foundation.

"Endoscopy is such an important and in-demand area of service provision, especially as our population ages," Mr Rookas said.

"We are delighted to make these funds available for the purchase of a range of equipment for the new rooms."

Dr Bristow said the project would also include renovations to existing utility rooms; installation of state-of-the-art endoscope drying cabinets; refurbishment of Stage 2 recovery and waiting area bathrooms; new storage facilities and new staff facilities and bathrooms.

"We are committed to providing patients with the best care possible and this refurbishment will mean we can see more patients, sooner," Dr Bristow said.

"We expect construction to be completed and the new rooms to be operational before the middle of 2015."

### Additional information

**Project team:**

- Principal Consultant (Architect and Project Manager) – ELIA Architecture (Toowoomba office)
- Sub consultant Electrical, Mechanical and Fire Services Engineering – Ashburner Francis (Toowoomba office)
- Sub consultant structural and hydraulic engineering – Intelara
- Sub consultant building surveying – BCert Consulting
- Sub consultant Quantity Surveying – Swart & Associates
- Procurement Manager – Building and Asset Services, Department of Housing and Public Works

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