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## Kingaroy Hospital redevelopment project shortlists tenders

Construction of the \$73.9 million Kingaroy Hospital redevelopment project has hit another important milestone with the short-listing of construction tenders now completed.

From a large open market tender process, seven potential construction companies have now been short-listed to build the new hospital.

Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services Steven Miles said the call for tenders was a major step in the process towards the hospital redevelopment.

“This new hospital is not only essential for Kingaroy, but for the whole South Burnett community,” Mr Miles said.

“Over the next two years, Kingaroy Hospital staff and the community will see a new hospital being built, with the input they provided during the consultation phase of the project coming to fruition,”

“As a government we are committed to ensuring local companies can contribute to this region-shaping project, with preference given to local sub-contractors in the construction phase of the project.

“This means more local jobs and an increase in economic development for the South Burnett.”

Darling Downs Health Board Chair Mr Mike Horan AM thanked the Kingaroy Hospital staff for their input into making sure the facility would continue to meet the needs of the ever-growing community.

“Our staff have continued to provide the highest quality services and patient-centred care throughout the initial early works, which shows the resilience and dedication of the Darling Downs Health team” he said.

Detailed design of the hospital is now well advanced and is on-track to be presented to the shortlisted tenderers for final pricing by the end of March.

Construction is set to commence in June 2019 with the project expected to be finalised by early 2021.

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**Caption:** An artist impression of what the new Kingaroy Hospital could look like.

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