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## QUEENSLAND HEALTH BRIEF FOR NOTING

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**Our Ref:** MI164394  
**Date:** 31 August 2009  
**TO** Deputy Premier and Minister for Health  
**FROM** Dr Bill Kingswell, Acting Senior Director, Mental Health Branch  
**SUBJECT** Relocation of the Barrett Adolescent Centre to Redland Hospital  
**Requested by** Mr Cameron Crowther, Principal Advisor

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That you note the background for the decision to relocate the Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC) from its current site at The Park – Centre for Mental Health Wacol, to Redland Hospital at Cleveland.

### BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- Replacement of the BAC is one of 17 capital works projects associated with the *Queensland Plan for Mental Health 2007-17*. Funding was identified in the *Outline of the 2007-08 State Budget Outcomes for Mental Health*.
- The 15 bed Centre provides extended inpatient treatment for adolescents in the 13 -18 year age group, with psychotic disorders, depression, eating disorders or anxiety disorders which have severely impaired their ability to function.
- The unit was built in 1978 and converted to an adolescent service in the early 1980s.
- The need for replacement of the Centre has been identified in several reviews, reports and submissions including most recently in the facility's 2008 Australian Council of Healthcare Standards accreditation report.
- A previous attempt to close the unit in the late 1990s was strongly resisted by staff, consumers and carers.
- A working group was formed comprising staff members involved in the existing BAC and Project Services architects to consider the redevelopment of the unit and provide advice on the service model and design specification.
- A "Site Evaluation Subgroup" was then convened on the advice of the previous Area General Managers to evaluate five potential site options identified by the then Area Health Services.

### ISSUES

- Making a determination about a preferred location for the unit was contentious. The existing Barrett service providers strongly believed the service should be rebuilt at its current site.

- Redevelopment on the existing site is problematic for a number of reasons outlined in the Site Options paper (Attachment One). Of primary concern are risks associated with collocation of a service for vulnerable adolescents with an adult forensic service for mentally ill offenders.
- The consensus of the Site Evaluation Subgroup was that a vacant site adjacent to Redland Hospital constituted the most appropriate option for the redevelopment of the unit. Further consultation with the sector and key stakeholders was undertaken to inform the final decision.
- The consultation confirmed considerable support for redeveloping the service at the site at Redland among members of the Statewide child and youth subgroup; child and youth design reference group and a number of existing carers.
- Industrial bodies included in the consultation sought and were given assurance that if the service was relocated staff would be supported as per existing agreements. The potential for relocation was discussed at the Statewide Health Reform Consultative Committee in February 2009 and at The Park Local Consultative Forum in December 2008.
- Existing inpatients and some carers expressed their opposition to the relocation of the service. However, the current inpatients are unlikely to be personally affected by the redevelopment due to the timeframe of the project.
- Existing staff involved in the consultation indicated their opposition to the relocation of the service. However, some staff have indicated their preparedness to move to the new service at Redland.
- The District Chief Executive Officers of the Metro South and Darling Downs West Moreton Health Service Districts endorsed Redland Hospital as the preferred option for the redevelopment of the service.
- A local facility and user group at Redland Hospital has been formed to manage the project. The first meeting was convened on 20 August 2009.
- There is ongoing consultation with Education Queensland regarding the critical requirement to relocate the resources attached to the Barrett school to the new Redland service.

#### **CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

- As above with a full report in Attachment Two: Summary of Consultation on Site Selection, March 2009.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- Funding is identified in the *Outline of the 2007-08 State Budget Outcomes for Mental Health* for the project.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment One: Site Options Paper for the Redevelopment of the Barrett Adolescent Centre, October 2008.
- Attachment Two: Summary of Consultation on Site Selection, March 2009.

- Attachment Three: MI164394 letter to Dr Craig Breakey for Principal Advisor signature.

NOTED or APPROVED / NOT APPROVED <b>Deputy Premier and Minister for Health</b> Comments		
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**Political Representatives**

**Local Government**

- Statewide.

**State Government**

- Mr Mark Robinson, Member for Cleveland.

**Federal Government**

- Andrew Laming MP, Member for Bowman.

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