

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

State Significant Development Application (SSDA)

What is the RPA Hospital Redevelopment?

The NSW Government has committed \$750 million to the redevelopment of Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital to deliver a new hospital building and refurbishment of existing spaces.

This is the most significant investment in RPA's 140-year history to support the world-leading services provided at RPA for the 740,000 people who live in Sydney Local Health District and the more than 1 million people who come into the District each day to work, study and visit.

Who is delivering the redevelopment?

Health Infrastructure, which is part of NSW Health, in partnership with the Sydney Local Health District, is delivering the RPA Hospital Redevelopment on behalf of the NSW Government.

An Integrated Project Team, made up of project managers, architects and a range of specialist consultants is managing the planning, design and delivery of the project.

What is the planning pathway for this project?

It has been determined that the RPA Hospital Redevelopment is a State Significant Development (SSD) and therefore the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) will assess the development application for the project.

What is a public exhibition period?

All development applications (DAs) for State Significant Developments must be exhibited for at least 28 days. The exhibition period provides an opportunity for the community to have their say. During the exhibition period, anyone can make a written submission on the project.

Community participation is an essential part of the state significant development assessment process.

All development applications for State Significant Development have to go through a comprehensive assessment process with extensive community participation.

Can I make a formal submission to the Development Application?

You can make a submission via the Department of Planning and Environment who will publicly exhibit the State Significant Development Application Environmental Impact Statement. It is a comprehensive technical document that provides information on potential environmental impacts of the development and how these impacts can be appropriately mitigated.

The public exhibition process is one opportunity you have to provide feedback on the planning for the RPA Hospital Redevelopment and have your say through the formal submissions process.

To lodge feedback on the application for the RPA Hospital Redevelopment, please follow the formal process managed by Department of Planning and Environment as outlined on the NSW Planning Portal (major projects website) planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects

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What size will the redevelopment be?

The new development will be a multi-storey hospital building which is designed to be sympathetic to the surrounding environment.

The final size and shape will be determined in the next phase of design and be subject to the State Significant Development Application and informed by community and consumer consultation.

Will you be considering the heritage features of the hospital?

Heritage components of the existing RPA Hospital will be respected. We are working with a qualified heritage consultant to understand any heritage significance of buildings and features on the hospital campus. This will also form part of our SSDA.

How are you responding to the local area characteristics and cultural heritage of the site?

The site, local area characteristics and cultural heritage will be respectfully considered in the design process.

Community feedback and the recommendations of heritage reports will be included in the design where possible.

Will trees be removed to make way for this new building?

In the planning it is proposed that a number of trees will be removed to accommodate the new buildings. Approval to remove these trees will be obtained as part of the project's SSDA.

Part of this application includes a detailed landscape plan to plant trees, and considers the best use of outdoor space for the redevelopment.

Are you consulting with local Aboriginal people?

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment has been completed. Through this process, consultation has occurred with students, local community and registered Aboriginal parties, such as the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

A Connecting with Country Strategy and Framework has been developed to guide stakeholder engagement for RPA Hospital Redevelopment. This will ensure that collaborative engagement with local Aboriginal groups is undertaken through authentic, thorough and ongoing consultation throughout the design phase.

What is Connecting with Country?

The Government Architect's Connecting with Country Draft framework is a framework for developing connections with Country that can inform planning, design, and delivery of built environment projects in NSW.

Will you be providing more parking as part of the redevelopment?

No, parking is not part of the \$750million scope for the RPA Hospital Redevelopment.

The Sydney Local Health District encourages staff to make sustainable transport choices in line with their Green Travel Plan.

Public transport options are in close proximity to the hospital campus and are accessible for the local community and staff.

What is a Green Travel Plan?

A Green Travel Plan is a package of measures implemented by an employer to encourage more sustainable travel for the journey to and from work and also during the course of work.

It is a means for an organisation to reduce the use of cars by staff, particularly driving to and from work and for work related travel.

How will safety, noise and dust be managed during the works on site?

The health and safety of hospital staff and the community is our highest priority. All work is being completed in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and Australian Standards. Noise and dust control measures will be implemented to meet the project's planning approval requirements and to ensure hospital operations are not disrupted. These include hoardings and secure fencing installed around the work site to reduce noise and dust. Dust from construction works will be watered down as required.

Will my feedback be considered in the design?

Yes. The feedback and suggestions from the staff and local community is highly valuable. The project team will consider all suggestions and incorporate them into the design where possible.

This will help shape the detailed planning and design of RPA's new and upgraded facilities as part of the redevelopment.

It builds on engagement already undertaken with staff, clinicians and community members to ensure the hospital meets the growing healthcare needs of patients, staff and the broader community.

Will there be consumer input into the design of the redevelopment?

A dedicated Consumer Reference Working Group made up of interested representatives from the community has been established. In this setting, a 'consumer' is someone who uses RPA Hospital, including their family and carers.

This includes people who have used RPA Hospital in the past or who could potentially use the service in the future.

The Consumer Reference Working Group (CRWG) meets with project representatives monthly, forming a link between the project team and the community, helping to ensure consumers' feedback is considered as part of the RPA Hospital Redevelopment.

What were the results of the surveys undertaken in early 2022?

The survey undertaken in early 2022 found that 88% of the community feel positively about the proposed RPA Hospital redevelopment. The survey found key priorities for the community and staff included open spaces that are shaded, green and easy to access.

With further findings in relation to outdoor space, calling for plenty of seating, including tables and benches for eating, and with an overwhelming response from community to ensure that pathways should be well connected and safe.

Will there be enough staff to work in the new hospital?

As part of the redevelopment, and prior to the new hospital opening, the Sydney Local Health District will prepare a Workforce Management Plan to determine the workforce requirements.

How can I get in touch with the project team?

You are also invited to send any feedback, suggestions or comments you would like to raise with the redevelopment team at any time via email

rpadevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au.

To keep up to date on the RPA Hospital Redevelopment, please visit our website

rpadevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au.

How do we find out more information?

The [RPA Redevelopment website](http://rpadevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au) will continue to have up-to-date information about the project. You can also continue to contact us via our [project email](mailto:rpadevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au).

How can I contact the project team?

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our project team at the details below.

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