



Lara Giddings, MHA

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Health Care Development Experts to Begin Planning the New Royal

Australian consultancy firm BurnsBridge has been appointed to begin the planning phase of the new Royal Hobart Hospital, the Minister for Health and Human Services, Lara Giddings, announced today.

Ms Giddings said BurnsBridge was chosen for its expertise in major health care projects around Australia and overseas, with over 20 years experience in managing significant and complex development projects.

“The Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment is the biggest project the Tasmanian Government has ever undertaken and it is important we receive the best advice,” Ms Giddings said.

“BurnsBridge has extensive experience in health care projects of this scope. Some major projects it has worked on include the redevelopment of the Royal North Shore in Sydney, the master planning for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and the Parkville Cancer Precinct Project in Victoria and the Townsville Hospital in Queensland.

“BurnsBridge's experience also includes health care projects in Tasmania, such as the redevelopment of the St Lukes Private Hospital in Launceston and the North West Private Hospital development, so its consultants have a detailed understanding of the wider health service delivery environment in the state.

“Over the next 18 months, BurnsBridge will work closely with the state's health care experts, including staff and specialists from the Royal Hobart Hospital and health specialists from around the state, to begin planning the new hospital.

“It will also provide the latest national and international thinking on hospital design and health care delivery.”

Ms Giddings said the planning and evaluation phase is a crucial part of the new hospital project and will contribute to the preparation of a full business case for the proposed hospital investment.

“The decisions made during this stage of the project will determine what the new hospital will look like and how it will integrate with the wider Tasmanian health care community.

“The BurnsBridge consultancy team will work with the Government to manage the wide variety of expertise needed to design and plan a new hospital including architects, engineers, and health service and facility planners.

“I'm delighted BurnsBridge will be joining our project team to provide the best advice

in redeveloping Tasmania's principal teaching and referral hospital," Ms Giddings said.

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