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**Consultation**

Consultation with all key stakeholders including medical, nursing and allied health clinicians and the community is an important part of developing this plan.

Meetings will be organised with a number of clinical groups and individuals during November and early December.

A workshop was held in October, attended by managers and clinicians, to commence the planning process and this group will continue to meet at key stages of the project.

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**Interface with other strategic plans**

The Plan will consider existing strategic plans, including the Richardson Report, the Acute Health Strategic Plan, the Short Term Building Works, strategic asset and clinical planning studies undertaken at the Royal Hobart and Launceston General Hospitals and the Cradle Coast and West Coast planning study.

It will also be developed in parallel with the Primary Health Services Clinical Services Plan that is being undertaken by the Community Health Services Group, taking account of the important relationship between services delivered from acute hospitals and in community settings.
The project involves five phases with the first four having a workshop to enable discussion and review of the work undertaken in each phase.

**Phase 1 – Project Initiation.** This includes assembling all relevant information and reports as well as preparing an issues paper on the current health services delivery context in Australia (Expected completion end October 2006).

**Phase 2 - Assessments of Health Care Needs.** This includes demographic analysis and assessing future activity volumes for services (Expected completion end November 2006).

**Phase 3 - Review of services activity and issues.** This will include consultation with service providers, assessment of existing services and consideration of key issues to identify opportunities for improvement (Expected completion mid December 2006).

**Phase 4 - Development and Assessment of Options.** The results of information obtained from Phases 2 and 3 will be considered in some detail to identify potential service delivery options. There will be further discussion with relevant stakeholders with a workshop held to finalise preferred strategies (Expected completion mid February 2007).

**Phase 5 - Draft and Consult on the Clinical Services Plan.** This will include circulation of a draft Clinical Services Plan with stakeholders and finalising a Plan that includes this input (Expected completion end April 2007).

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**Who are the consultants?**

Given the importance of this planning process consultants have been engaged to project manage the plan. The consultants who have been engaged are:

Len Dockrill from Aurora Projects in Melbourne is the project director and is being assisted by Brody Atterby and Karen O'Connor. Len has significant experience in major health projects in Australia and New Zealand including strategic planning and health needs assessment. Len has particular expertise in strategic planning of health care services and facilities, interpretation of the facilities and equipment needed to deliver a proposed health services strategy, working with health service staff and consultant teams to finalise facility design requirements and management of major health facility development projects.

Dr Heather Wellington of Phillips Fox in Melbourne is managing the consultation phase plan and will be meeting with interested individuals and groups throughout the state. Heather is a medical practitioner and lawyer with a background in health management, service planning, quality and risk management, governance and law. She has a unique mix of skills in operations, management, governance, policy and planning in health care, and is highly regarded throughout the Australian health care system for her expertise.