



Steven Kons, MHA

Deputy Premier

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Consultants Sought to Begin Planning the New Royal

Deputy Premier Steven Kons today said consultants are being sought to provide expert advice on the new Royal Hobart Hospital project.

Advertisements inviting Expressions of Interest will appear in tomorrow's newspapers.

"We are seeking consultants with the relevant skills and experience in hospital planning and design to provide advice on what the new Royal Hobart Hospital will need and what it might look like," Mr Kons said.

"The team of consultants will be made up of architects, engineers and planners and will provide advice on areas such as health services and facilities, environmentally sustainable design, structural engineering, and services such as power and water.

"The consultants will work closely with Tasmania's health care experts, including staff and specialists from the Royal Hobart Hospital, the AMA and health specialists from around the State.

"They will also provide the latest national and international thinking on hospital design and health care delivery.

Mr Kons said the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment was the biggest project any Tasmanian Government had undertaken.

"This is an important development in the future of health service delivery for all Tasmanians, and it's important we receive the best advice during the planning stages.

"The consultants will work with the department's project team over the next 18 months and contribute to a development plan and cost estimation that will be completed by the end of 2008," Mr Kons said.

More information on the Expressions of Interest will be available from www.tenders.tas.gov.au from Saturday 21 July 2007. Submissions close at 2pm on Wednesday 22 August 2007.

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