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Lyons' innovative plan for Royal Hobart Hospital released

The masterplan for the first stage of the \$586m redevelopment of the Royal Hobart Hospital, designed by Melbourne-based architectural practice Lyons, demonstrates an innovative solution that will radically facilitate the transition from old to new.

The new design will see a new multi-level building constructed to accommodate new inpatient facilities above an existing ward building on Campbell Street together with expanded operating theatres and interventional suites.

The redevelopment masterplan was unveiled in Hobart on 9 March by the Federal Minister for Health, Tanya Plibersek, Tasmania's Premier, Lara Giddings and State Health Minister, Michelle O'Byrne.

Lyons Director, Corbett Lyon, says a central aspect of the masterplan is an innovative staged solution to maximise the site efficiency and service continuity.

"The key to this project is the strategic direction which will ultimately deliver an all new hospital facility rather than refitting existing buildings.

"The staged masterplan solution allows us to eliminate many of the existing site problems which have resulted from the Hospital's organic, rather than strategic, growth over many years.

"The design allows for smooth transition, with no reduction in services, and when complete, expanded with new hospital facilities and enhanced service delivery outcomes," Mr Lyon said.

The new Hospital will incorporate a new Women's and Children's Precinct, which includes a new maternity ward, new delivery and birthing suites, dedicated adolescent unit and paediatric ward.

Stage 1 of the development will also provide a new entrance and public facilities for the Hospital.

Lyons have conducted a collaborative workshop process working with stakeholders, clinicians, nurses and community.

The Royal Hobart Hospital is Tasmania's largest hospital and the major teaching hospital of the University of Tasmania (Faculty of Health Sciences).

The Hospital provides general and specialty medical and surgical services and is the state referral centre for cardiothoracic surgery, neurosurgery, burns, hyperbaric and diving medicine, neonatal intensive care and high risk obstetrics.

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