

# Media Release



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## MATER TO DELIVER LATEST FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Patients in the North will have access to latest private hospital facilities and services when the Mater Hospital's expansion of the Pimlico Campus is completed.

The first sod was turned today on Stage 1 of the \$52 million project, which includes an additional four digital operating theatres, a new Day Surgery Unit, expanded X-Ray facilities and a new hospital entrance.

Mater CEO Gerard Wyvill said people in the North deserved the same high level of facilities and services offered in major metropolitan private hospitals and should be able receive it without the need for travel.

"The expansion project will deliver the latest private hospital facilities and services for our patients which will be equal to or better than any private hospital in Australia," he said.

Mr Wyvill said advances in technology enabled more people to undergo surgery as day patients.

"With the new day surgery and state-of-art digital operating theatres our patients will be operated on by the Norths leading surgeons in the latest facilities," Mr Wyvill said.

"The Mater is a not-for-profit Catholic health service that continually reinvests in facilities and services for our community."

Townsville Bishop Tim Harris was invited to turn the first sod on the Lothair Street project site and conduct a blessing for the safety of hundreds of workers who would be involved in the construction.

Mr Wyvill said project builders CPB Contractors had specialised expertise in constructing large scale health facilities such as the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital and the Townsville Hospital Redevelopment.

CPB Contractors Project Director Carmelo Di Bella said the project had been a great opportunity to keep their locally based staff and families in the Townsville region, all of which worked on the recently completed Townsville Hospital Redevelopment.

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“We will continue our long-standing, successful working relationship with the local supply chain to maximise local industry participation,” Mr Di Bella said.

“We are committed to targeting a 90 percent local participation rate for the project. To-date 100 percent of the contracts have been awarded to suppliers in the local region.

Stage 1 Expansion is due for completion in 2020. The Mater has a dedicated Projects Team appointed who can answer any questions the public has during the construction stage.

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A banner for Mater Health Services North Queensland. The banner has a dark blue background with a gold wave-like border at the top. On the right side, there is a gold cross logo above the text "Mater Health Services North Queensland". Below this, it says "A Ministry of the Sisters of Mercy" and "ACN 094 529 263". On the left side, there are three lines of text: "Mater Hospital Pimlico", "Mater Outreach Services", and "Mater Women's & Children's Hospital Hyde Park". In the center, there are three columns of text: "Locked Bag 1000 Aitkenvale BC, Qld 4814", "P: 07 4727 4444", "F: 07 4725 1034", and "www.matertsv.org.au".

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