

Albury Wodonga Health Master Plan: Expression of Interest for Private Sector Partners

The Board and executive of Albury Wodonga Health are embarking on a major strategic project to enhance the infrastructure at both Albury and Wodonga campuses in order to realise the following key strategic aims:

- To provide specialist services locally to avoid people having to travel to access care.
- To co-locate like services to improve access and support higher level care
- To provide the infrastructure required to delivery safe, high quality care

Albury Campus will provide a comprehensive range of acute services including emergency department, intensive care unit, cardiac catheterisation laboratory, cancer centre, theatre suite, maternity and paediatrics.

Wodonga Campus will focus on a range of specialist sub-acute services including rehabilitation, palliative care, medical procedures, community rehabilitation, mental health sub-acute and specialist clinics.

AWH recognises the importance of a robust private sector and see advantages in the potential for co-location with public facilities. This Expression of Interest provides an opportunity for this approach to be explored as part of the planned redevelopment of Albury campus.

This Expression of Interest is designed to facilitate discussion around potential interest from private partners. It is deliberately unrestrained in detail to allow for an open exploration of potentially beneficial options.

Background

Albury Wodonga Health (AWH) is the primary health service for the rural cities of Albury and Wodonga and a regional referral service for northeast Victoria and Southern NSW. The health service was created in July 2009, with the amalgamation of Wodonga Regional Health Service and Albury Base Hospital, to become the only cross-border health service in Australia. AWH is governed through an agreement between both NSW and Victoria with funding from both states and administration through the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

AWH operates from two acute campuses at Albury and Wodonga, and a range of other locations across its catchment. AWH provides a comprehensive range of acute, sub-acute, mental health, ambulatory, community and primary health services for its catchment population of more than 250,000. AWH is the largest regional health service in Victoria outside Geelong, providing more than 63,000 emergency department presentations, over 1600 births and greater than 6500 wait list admissions in 2016/17.

Master plan program:

Key developments planned for the **Albury campus** include:

- Construction of a new, enhanced emergency department with 58 points of care
- Construction of a new, enhanced intensive care unit with 20 points of care.
- Re-location of maternity services from Wodonga to a new purpose-built Women's & Children's wing
- Construction of a new theatre suite

Planning for these projects is well underway with a feasibility report completed and schematic design due in mid-2019. The first stage of the redevelopment (the new emergency department) is likely to commence in late 2019/early 2020.

Expression of Interest

AWH is seeking expressions of interest from private providers to co-locate services on the Albury campus.

The redevelopments on Albury campus create an opportunity for co-location of private hospital facilities as part of the construction of the proposed new maternity & paediatric unit.

This new 2-storey building will be located on the north east corner of the campus – see drawing below. The design allows for additional levels to be built that could potentially accommodate a private service.



Expression of Interest Information Briefing

AWH will be holding a briefing session for interested parties:

- AWH Regional Cancer Centre @ 11am in the Seminar Room, 8th day of July 2019

Expression of Interest Requirements

AWH would expect potential partners to be willing to contribute to the following:

- Shared capital investment offsetting costs for both parties
- Improved service options
- Improved efficiency in terms of operations, workforce, and ancillary support services
- Improved patient choice.

Expression of Interest's can take any form but should consider addressing the following:

- Key requirements as above
- Indicative investment and service model

Expression of Interest's are to be lodged with the Acting CEO Janet Chapman at janet.chapman@awh.org.au by COB Friday July 20th 2019.

Note: This Expression of Interest is not an offer. It is a request for invitees to submit an invitee's response for the supply of information in response to AWH's requirements. Nothing in this Invitation is to be construed as creating any binding contract (express or implied) between AWH and any invitee.

Accuracy of invitation

AWH does not warrant the accuracy of the content of this invitation and will not be liable for any omission from the Invitation documents.

Additions and amendments

AWH reserves the right to change any information or to issue an addenda to this Invitation.

Representation

No representation made by or on behalf of AWH in relation to this invitation (or its subject matter) will be binding on the AWH unless the representation is expressly incorporated into any contract(s) ultimately entered into between AWH and an invitee.

Licence to use Intellectual Property Rights

Persons obtaining or receiving this Invitation and any other documents issued in relation to this invitation may use the documents only for the purpose of preparing an invitee's response. Such Intellectual Property Rights as may exist in this Invitation and any other documents provided to the invitees by or on behalf of AWH in connection with the EOI process are owned by (and will remain the property of) the AWH except to the extent expressly provided otherwise.

Communication

Communication protocol

All communications relating to this Invitation and the Expression of Interest process must be directed to the Acting CEO.

Requests for clarification

- (a) Any questions or requests for clarification or further information regarding this Invitation or the Expression of interest process must be submitted to the AWH contact in writing.
- (b) AWH is not obliged to respond to any question or request for clarification or further information.
- (c) AWH may make available to other prospective invitees details of such a request together with any response, in which event those details shall form Part of this Invitation.

Unauthorised communication

- (a) Communications (including promotional or lobbying activities) with AWH staff or consultants assisting AWH with the Expression of Interest are not permitted during the Expression of Interest process except as provided above, or otherwise with the prior written consent of the AWH contact.
- (b) Invitees must not engage in any activities, obtain or provide improper assistance that may be perceived as, or that may have the effect of, influencing the outcome of the Expression of interest process in any way. Such activities or assistance may, in the absolute discretion of AWH, lead to disqualification of an invitee.

Disclosure of Expression of Interest contents and Expression of Interest information

Invitee's responses will be treated as confidential by AWH. AWH will not disclose the information contained in an invitee's response, except as required by law (including, for the avoidance of doubt, as required under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic))

Complaints about this Invitation

An invitee with a complaint about this Expression of Interest process, which has not been resolved in the first instance with the CEO, must follow the AWH complaints process.