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**INQUIRY INTO CURRENT AND FUTURE PROVISION OF  
HEALTH SERVICES IN THE SOUTH-WEST SYDNEY  
GROWTH REGION**

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Portfolio Committee No. 2 -Health  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

**Re: Inquiry into Current and Future Provision of Health Services in the South-West Sydney Growth Region**

Dear Chair,

The Western Sydney Business Chamber appreciates the opportunity to comment on the inquiry into the current and future provision of health services in South Western Sydney and commends the Committee for highlighting the importance of the area for the future success of Greater Sydney.

The Western Sydney Business Chamber is one of the leading business organisations in Western Sydney with a membership of more than 110 of the region's largest organisations in government, business and not-for-profit sectors. Our advocacy priorities in South Western Sydney are to attract greater public and private sector investment to drive high quality job creation in the region and support stronger local communities with access to key amenities such as world-class health services.

**SWSLHD Leadership Role in South Western Sydney**

The Chamber applauds the leadership of the South Western Sydney Local Health District and their commitment to working with key stakeholders in the cities (Liverpool, Bankstown, Campbelltown) of the region to not only provide quality health services to the region's growing residential population but also recognise the importance of the health sector as a creator of knowledge jobs in these communities. Health services are not only an important social good and responsibility for government, it is also an important economic activity generator in these communities which attract other health services, university, TAFE and educational investment and increasingly innovative start ups, entrepreneurs and industry to locate near and engage with the hospitals and the LHD.

We have a strong and ongoing partnership with the South Western Sydney Local Health District in supporting and advocating for better health, social and economic outcomes for the residents of the growing region. There is growing recognition that hospitals are not just providers of health services but lynchpin economic assets that are capable of being better leveraged to support the creation of private sector employment from businesses and organisations that recognise the value of partnering and locating near major health facilities. The LHD should be commended for recognising its social and economic role as a major employer in Campbelltown, Liverpool and Bankstown.

## **Liverpool Innovation Precinct**

South Western Sydney Local Health District is a founding partner of the Liverpool Innovation Precinct. The [Liverpool Innovation Precinct](#) (LIP) is a unique partnership of nine major stakeholders in the City of Liverpool, including the Council, three universities (UOW, UNSW, WSU), TAFE NSW, Department of Education, Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research and South Western Sydney Primary Health Network, that have come together to advocate for and support public and private sector investment in Liverpool as a centre for excellence in education, health, research and innovation.

The Liverpool Innovation Precinct has achieved several successes since its inception in 2017 including:

- Launching our [vision statement](#) with the then Greater Sydney Commission Chief Commissioner Lucy Turnbull;
- Supporting the case for the NSW Government to invest \$740 million in the upgrade of Liverpool Hospital. Major works are scheduled to begin in January 2021, with completion by 2026;
- Launching our Liverpool Innovation Precinct [Land Use Analysis and Precinct Strategy](#) with the NSW Planning Minister, the Hon Rob Stokes;
- Appointment of a dedicated Liverpool Innovation Precinct Manager to develop a start up hub and liaise with potential partners outside of Liverpool;
- Signing of major MOU agreements with Hitachi, Samsung, and GE Health;
- Location of the Greater Sydney Commission's first "[Collaboration Areas](#)" and the development of the Liverpool Place Strategy to guide government investment;
- Award winning thought leadership on health integrated education and research with the K-12 sector;
- Development of Liverpool City Council's Public Domain Master Plan.

The SWSLHD and its active leadership role in Liverpool has been critical to the creation of the LIP and its successful initiatives to date. The LHD has recognised that its strategic location near the Liverpool CBD means that it is not only a provider of health services for the city and broader region but a crucial economic partner in the future growth and success of Liverpool as Sydney's third CBD.

The redevelopment of Liverpool Hospital over the next five years presents a once in a generation opportunity to reshape how the hospital interacts with the Liverpool CBD, Bigge Park, neighbouring primary and high schools, Ingham Institute, TAFE and the universities and drive urban renewal and job creation in the surrounding precinct.

## **Bankstown Hospital Redevelopment**

The Chamber supports the \$1.3 billion redevelopment of Bankstown Hospital and its relocation to a more centrally and accessibility located site in the Bankstown city centre. As mentioned previously, hospitals are important job generating juggernauts for local economies. Relocating Bankstown

Hospital to the city centre along with other significant developments such as the Western Sydney University Campus and the potential redevelopment of Vicinity's Bankstown Central have the potential to activate and renew the entire Bankstown CBD with the arrival of highly skilled medical professionals and support staff at the new hospital engaging with businesses in the city centre rather than being located kilometres away at the current hospital site. This in turn will support the attraction of private sector investment and enterprises that support the hospital to locate in the Bankstown CBD driving the creation of more jobs in the local economy.

### **Campbelltown Hospital**

The Chamber supports continued investment in health services and infrastructure at Campbelltown Hospital. Similar to Liverpool Hospital, the Chamber believes that Campbelltown Hospital has the potential to be leveraged in a holistic way to drive greater job creation in the city. We commend the leadership of SWSLHD in driving stronger partnerships with university and research partners to position the Hospital and institutions in the medical research space.

### **Health services for the Aerotropolis**

The Chamber recognises that the Western Parkland City and Aerotropolis provide an opportunity to apply innovative solutions and new concepts to the creation of communities in the new centre. Health is certainly an area in which new ways of providing health services such as an Integrated Health Hub (IHHub) which is outlined in Health NSW's submission to the Inquiry, can be implemented.

The Chamber understands that the intention of the Western City and Aerotropolis Authority (WCAA) is to support the development of a 5G city in which digital connectivity and real time data will be a stronger attractor for private sector investment. This has the potential to ensure that digital health can play a leading role in providing essential medical services in the new city than might be possible with current telecommunication technology in other parts of Greater Sydney.

The Chamber supports SWSLHD continuing to work with key partners to ensure that health services match the needs of the residential community and enterprises that will be located in the Aerotropolis in the coming years.

The Western Sydney Business Chamber appreciates the opportunity to comment on this inquiry. If you require further information please feel free to contact Chris Taylor, Senior Manager Advocacy at

Yours sincerely

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