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ROYAL HOBART HOSPITAL SURVEY

In recent times there have been a number of issues that have emerged that will impact upon the future of our great City. The possible development of a new hospital in Hobart is perhaps the biggest of these issues.

The Council supports the need for the best medical facilities. The prime consideration must be the future health care of Tasmanians, and if this requires the relocation of the Royal Hobart Hospital, then this must be considered. Where that hospital should be located is a complex issue that deserves considerable community debate.

The Royal Hobart Hospital is the City's single biggest employer. There has been a hospital on the present site for well over 100 years. In many ways the City has grown around where the hospital is located. Surrounding businesses and those in the CBD to an extent rely on the passing trade created by staff and

visitors coming and going from the Royal Hobart Hospital.

A change of site will affect accessibility, traffic, economic activity in the Central Business District, the need for businesses and services associated with the hospital to relocate, and bring a major change to the urban character of the area.

In a new site at the Railyards the hospital may affect adjacent activities such as the working port, and hospital operations may in turn be affected by noise and traffic from port operations.

However the hospital in its present location does have a number of shortfalls that make consideration of an alternative site for a new hospital legitimate.

Planners for the new hospital project are suggesting that the reasons that a new hospital needs to be considered on a new site are:

- Demand for health services in Tasmania has increased in

recent years, and is expected to grow significantly in the future. The Royal Hobart Hospital is the State's major teaching and referral hospital.













- The buildings on the current hospital site date from 1939 and have been continually redeveloped in that time. A major redevelopment of the current hospital site would be needed to accommodate the increase in demand that is projected for the future. (source: www.newroyal.tas.gov.au)

The Council is concerned that the impacts of moving the Hospital must be fully understood.

An important part of the Council's research is to seek the community's views about the proposed relocation of the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Therefore we would like to ask you, what your thoughts are about the State Government's proposal.



											
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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please read the background information before completing the questionnaire.

Question 1

Options have been proposed for the future location of redeveloped Royal Hobart Hospital. For options 1, 2 and 3 below, please indicate your opinion by circling the relevant number on the rating scale. You may indicate the reason for your rating in the space provided in relation to each option.

Option 1

Redevelop on the current site

1	2	3	4	5	6
strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree	unsure/ don't know

Reasons.....

Option 2

Relocate to proposed railyards site

1	2	3	4	5	6
strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree	unsure/ don't know

Reasons.....

Option 3

Other location – please provide details

1	2	3	4	5	6
strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree	unsure/ don't know

Location:.....

Reason:.....

Question 2

What would you like to see happen to the current Royal Hobart Hospital site if the Hospital was to be relocated? – please provide details

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Question 3

Do you have any other comments? – please provide details.....

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Your postcode.....

Other details – please circle relevant option

Age range	under 18	18 – 29	30 – 39	40 – 49
	50 – 59	60 – 69	70+	
Gender	male	female		
HCC ratepayer	yes	no		
Employment status	full time	unemployed	home duties	part time/casual
	student	retired	other.....	

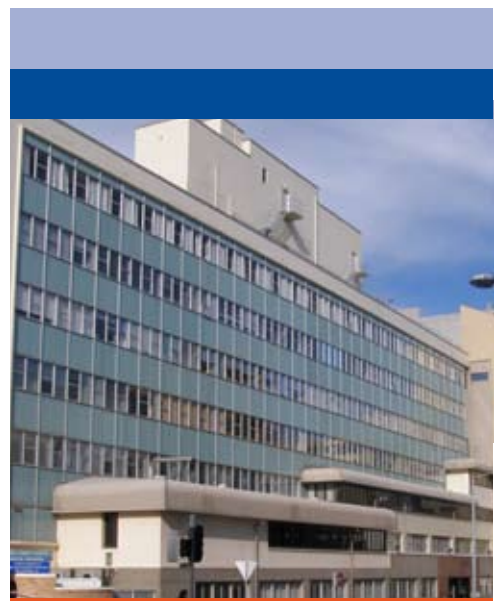
Please return your completed survey questionnaire by Friday 5 December 2008 so that your views may be taken into account regarding this important issue.

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**PUBLIC FORUM
 PROPOSED
 RELOCATION OF
 ROYAL HOBART HOSPITAL**

The Council will host a second public forum to discuss the implications of the proposed relocation of the Royal Hobart Hospital.

The forum provides a further opportunity for the public and interested stakeholders and parties to raise any new or remaining concerns on this important and significant issue.

Accordingly, members of the public are invited to attend the forum to be held on Thursday 4 December 2008 at the Hobart Town Hall, commencing at 12 noon.

ENQUIRIES

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