



Media Statement

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Operating theatres included for New Bundaberg Hospital

Please attribute to: **Ms Peta Jamieson, Board Chair, Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service**

The Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (WBHHS) wishes to reassure the community, in light of recent comments made by the Federal Member for Hinkler Keith Pitt, regarding the New Bundaberg Hospital.

As previously publicly communicated, the New Bundaberg Hospital site will be an acute facility.

This means that the new hospital will include operating theatres, an emergency department and intensive care. The operating theatre suite will have the capability to support diagnostic and interventional cardiology procedures.

WBHHS is currently considering what non acute services could be based at the existing site. Both sites will be appropriately and safely staffed.

WBHHS is committed to transparency in keeping our community informed about our services. We encourage Mr Pitt to reach out and clarify any concerns or queries he has, to ensure that the community receives accurate information.

WBHHS was not approached for comment on this issue.

Anyone seeking information on the New Bundaberg Hospital can contact us by emailing wbhhs-newhospital@health.qld.gov.au or calling 4303 8540.

Members of the public can also keep up to date via the website and sign up to the newsletter on the project at the following address <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/widebay/html/bundaberg-hospital>, or by following our Facebook page www.facebook.com/widebayhealth.

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