

# Robina health services plan

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QUEENSLAND Health has set the scene for a major expansion of facilities at Robina to service the Gold Coast's growing population with the purchase of a landholding opposite Robina hospital.

The 1ha property is close to the Robina train station and the \$160 million Skilled Park Stadium and can accommodate eight-level buildings as of right.

The land fronts Robina Town Centre Drive, Investigator Drive and Campus Crescent and has been bought from Robina Projects Australia for an undisclosed sum in a deal that has just settled.

QH said the acquisition would provide for the future growth of a range of community health services.

The department has already started to expand services at Robina hospital, opening a new \$37 million emergency department and intensive care unit, and a \$4.3 million renal dialysis centre in late 2007.

Its new holding abuts the evolving RPA campus-style business precinct, Campus Crescent, where the first building, Campus Alpha, is under construction.

RPA general manager Hylton Slater said the department's decision to expand healthcare services at Robina would provide immense benefits not only for the surrounding community but also for residents throughout the Gold Coast.

"The Queensland Health decision reflects the strategic location of CBDRobina, which has significant road, rail and bus infrastructure links to all corners of the Gold Coast, making it easy for residents to access the planned facilities," he said.

"Also, the population of Robina now numbers approximately 30,000 and is continuing to grow apace - as is the burgeoning CBDRobina business hub - making the expansion of health services timely in terms of meeting the needs of this community.

"The land purchase confirms the Government's decision to bring to fruition commitments made in its South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan to make Robina a major healthcare hub.

"It also reaffirms the Government's commitment to the evolution of CBDRobina as a principal Gold Coast commercial centre."

Mr Slater said the location of future health services beside the Campus Crescent business park might offer opportunities to create synergies that would be a benefit to both.

"It adds to the appeal of Campus Crescent to businesses that provide hospital and healthcare services and raises the possibility of developing the precinct as a place that is home to a range of health-related enterprises," he said.