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Dear Mr Hayes

**Re: Cessnock Hospital – Redevelopment Update**

I write to provide an update regarding the redevelopment of Cessnock Hospital.

As previously advised in our correspondence and at our ongoing Joint Consultative Committee meetings, the redevelopment will deliver modern, state-of-the-art facilities to meet the Cessnock community's healthcare needs now and in the future, including construction of a new two-level acute services building on the Cessnock Hospital campus.

This building will house an expanded emergency department, two inpatient wards featuring single and two bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, a new medical imaging service, an operating theatre and procedure room and day surgery spaces, a Sterilising Services Unit and a modern pharmacy.

Construction commenced in June 2025, and excavation works at the site are well progressed, including the installation of the concrete footings for the building's foundation. Concrete has started to be poured for the ground floor concrete slab, which is expected to be completed in the coming weeks, creating the footprint of the new two-storey building. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2027, with the new facilities opening following the completion of operational commissioning in 2028.

Consultation with staff has been ongoing throughout the project, including via Project User Groups (PUG), and the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC). At the JCC updates have been provided by Health Infrastructure for information and discussion. It is anticipated that in July/August 2026 we will commence consultation via the JCC process regarding workforce plan considerations.

The redevelopment will meet required capacity, enhance models of care, and create a safe, welcoming environment for patients, visitors and staff. Please find attached architectural drawings and images for your information.

Should you have any questions or require further information please contact Jenny Whiting, Health Service Manager Cessnock Hospital on 02 49 910 422 or Michelle van Santen Senior HR Business Partner on 02 49 853246.

Yours sincerely





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Attachment 1: Architectural Drawings – Cessnock Hospital Redevelopment  
Attachment 2: Images of Cessnock Hospital Redevelopment