

## Barossa Hospital Business Case

# Frequently asked questions

The State Government is committed to ensuring that the Barossa and surrounding communities have the health services they need now and into the future. As part of that commitment the Government has provided funding for the development of a business case to investigate the need for and viability of a new hospital to provide health services in the Barossa.

### What is the business case and how is it being developed?

The business case is an in-depth study of the need for and viability of a new hospital to provide health services in the Barossa. The business case will be developed in two stages:

**Stage one** of the business case project is activity and service profiling. This includes looking at the types and capacities of health services needed in the region, the staffing and systems required, and considering key relationships with other hospitals and health services. This will build on service planning from recent years. As part of this process, the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network (LHN) is asking the community, partner organisations and health practitioners about what services best support health and wellbeing, which services are going to be needed most in the future and what matters most to them about local health services.

This information will be added to what we know about our current services (data) and what is known around the world as best practice (research) to inform stage two. Stage one is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

**Stage two** will be an in-depth look at how these services might be provided in better ways to meet the demands of a growing population as well as looking at the costs and benefits of a new hospital. Input from a range of stakeholders will be sought during this stage of the project.

The information from stages one and two will lead to the development of the business case, which is expected to be completed in the first half of 2020.

The Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network (LHN), which delivers State Government health services locally, is leading the development of the business case.

### Who is the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network?

In July 2019, the former Country Health SA Local Health Network was devolved into 6 individual regional local health networks (LHNs), each with a governing board, bringing decision-making closer to local hospitals and health services. The Local Health Network that serves the Barossa and surrounding communities is the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network.

The Barossa Hills Fleurieu LHN includes hospital and health services based at Angaston, Tanunda, Gawler, Eudunda, Kapunda, Mt Pleasant, Gumeracha, Mt Barker, Strathalbyn, Victor Harbor and Kangaroo Island and the surrounding communities.

### When will the business case be happening?

The Barossa Hospital Business Case is expected to be completed in the first half of 2020. The Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network is engaging with the community, partners and important stakeholders throughout this process from October 2019 to the first half of 2020. The first part of the engagement will begin in October 2019 through the YourSAy website, surveys and open forum workshops. These are open to all members of the public.



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## How will my input influence this project?

Your input will help to shape the service and activity profiling information and ultimately, the Barossa Hospital Business Case.

The Barossa Hills Fleurieu LHN will be engaging with a range of stakeholders during the project including members of the community in the Barossa and surrounding areas, Health Advisory Councils, Barossa Hills Fleurieu LHN staff, local doctors, nurses and allied health professionals, nearby hospitals and health services, other service providers in the region, universities, local councils, potential partners and industrial bodies.

## How can I get involved?

Follow the project progress, book to attend an open forum workshop and complete the online survey at: <https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/barossa-hospital-business-case>

*Survey closes 5pm Monday October 28, 2019*

Read more information at: [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/BarossaHospitalBusinessCase](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/BarossaHospitalBusinessCase)

Follow the **SA Health Facebook** page for project updates.

## Does this mean that we are getting a new hospital?

The Government has committed to the business case to do the important work in determining if a new Barossa hospital will be viable and supported by the community and other stakeholders.

If the need is found to build a new hospital, it is broadly supported by the community and other stakeholders, and it is shown to be cost-effective, the Barossa Hills Fleurieu LHN will use the business case to seek funding from the State Government to build the facility.

## Does the business case include Residential Aged Care?

The focus of the business case will be primarily acute services for example, medical, surgical, obstetric and emergency care, as well as community and allied health, rehabilitation services and mental health. The business case is not considering Residential Aged Care services at this time.

## Where would a new hospital be built?

A location is yet to be determined. Determining options for the location of a potential new Barossa hospital, or recommendation of a preferred location will form part of the work of the business case.

## Which hospital sites would be consolidated to a new Barossa Hospital?

If a new hospital is built, services would need to be relocated from Angaston District Hospital and Tanunda War Memorial Hospital. Consideration will be given to 'future proofing' a Barossa hospital as a regional hub to sustain services for a growing population and changing workforce profile.

### For more information

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