

HMRI Research Facility - An Investment In Our Future

The NSW Government has provided land to HMRI on the Rankin Park Campus of the Hunter New England Health Service for a joint medical research facility with the University of Newcastle.

It is envisaged that this state of the art building will accommodate over 340 medical researchers in a building of 13,000 square metres, provide specialised research and training facilities, and allow for innovative biotechnology and commercial research laboratories. A NSW Health Service Procurement Plan recently costed the construction of the new facility at \$90 million.

The Clinical Research Centre is an investment in the future of health and medical research in the Hunter and in the future of the region:

- A new purpose built facility will allow collocation of our biomedical researchers with clinical researchers and facilitate the effective translation of research into improved health outcomes. Already involved in world-class research, the new facility will provide the room for our researchers on the Rankin Park campus to continue to grow and to attract further high profile researchers to the Hunter. As capacity is built within the research programs, this will lead to sustained growth in our research efforts and further funding for grants and infrastructures.
- It is well recognised that proving quality research facilities not only attracts the best researchers to an institute it also attracts the best clinicians to the health service. This will ensure the people of the Hunter and throughout the Hunter New England Area Health Service will have the best possible healthcare. The collocation with the University's major teaching hospital will also ensure that our patients are the early beneficiaries of research findings as they are put into clinical practice.
- The new facility is also an investment in the economy of our region. It is anticipated that the construction of the new facility will create over 680 jobs and add nearly \$180 million to the local economy.
- A world class medical research facility also has the potential to expand the local biotechnology industry for the commercialisation of research, further adding to the economy of the region.
- The growth of jobs, not only in research, will also assist this region to grow its knowledge economy and overcome the current poor uptake of tertiary education in the Hunter. Having world class facilities, supported by outstanding researchers, will reverse the loss of our researchers to interstate and overseas laboratories by providing them with fulfilling sustainable career pathways here in the Hunter.



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