

Memorandum of Understanding promotes Indigenous involvement in Gosford Hospital Redevelopment

Gosford, 25 May 2016: Lendlease today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council acknowledging a commitment to Indigenous participation on the Gosford Hospital Redevelopment project.

The MoU aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through economic participation in the project by connecting Indigenous people to work opportunities and Indigenous businesses to supply goods and services to the project.

Other objectives of the MoU, which extends to subcontractors and others involved in the project, include acknowledging the Darkinjung people as the traditional custodians of the land and making the project site a place of cultural competency and cultural safety.

Alison Mirams, General Manager NSW/ACT for Lendlease's Building business, said the MoU signing was in line with Lendlease's vision for Reconciliation.

"Key to delivering major public projects is providing local opportunities for employment and training. As Australia's largest building contractor, we are in a good position to work with our clients and stakeholders to create real opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," said Ms Mirams.

"Since 2011, Lendlease has been investing in our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and RAP Partnerships to acknowledge and celebrate the proud heritage of Australia's first people, and promote opportunities for career development, sustainable business growth, and economic participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"This MoU is a real example of our RAP focus in action," said Ms Mirams.

Lendlease will be releasing its second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) with Reconciliation Australia in coming weeks.

Chief Executive Officer of Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council, Sean Gordon commended Lendlease's collaboration on the project so far.

"Darkinjung first partnered with Lendlease when they were submitting their tender to perform the works on the Gosford Hospital Redevelopment. We supported their application because we know they have a genuine commitment to Aboriginal reconciliation.

“We will be working with Lendlease to help identify and connect them with Indigenous subcontractors and individuals who are available and interested in working on the project,” said Mr Gordon.

Upcoming Public Information Sessions

Lendlease will be hosting free public information sessions for potential subcontractors and suppliers at the Gosford Golf Course on Thursday 9 June 2016 at 6pm.

Lendlease will provide information about the project, tendering and employment opportunities, and Indigenous employment. The Industry Capability Network will also be represented at the event.

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In Australia we offer development management; investment management; project management & construction and asset & property management. Our expertise covers multiple sectors including commercial, residential, retail, retirement and infrastructure.

About Gosford Hospital Redevelopment

In February 2015, the NSW Government announced funding for the Gosford Hospital Redevelopment.

The redevelopment will deliver a new Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, new Maternity Services, Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre, as well as new imaging, cancer, rehabilitation and cardiovascular facilities among other benefits.

Working closely with NSW Health Infrastructure and the Central Coast Local Health District, Lendlease will ensure this project continues our excellent track record in the delivery of health facilities.

