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Media response

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Government****Inquiry received** 13 November 2014**Journalist:** Judith Kerr**Organisation:** **Fairfax****Contact number/s****Contact email:** [REDACTED]**Deadline:** 13 November 2014**Subject:** Barrett Centre**Questions and responses:**

Just hoping to get an update on the Barrett Centre story that 7.30 Report did. Dr Bill Kingswell said that Redlands was not chosen as a site for another centre.

1. Why was Redlands Hospital ruled out for such a centre?

The proposal to construct an extended treatment facility for adolescents at Redlands was abandoned when the project encountered significant time delays due to site designation and koala management issues in late 2010, pushing out timelines for completion by up to two years. Additionally, the project was expected to carry a major capital budget overspend with the original capital budget blowing out from \$10.3 million to \$17.6 million. At the time of cancelling the project (November 2012), there had still been no approval to build on the site.

The available capital funds for the project (\$14 million) were redirected into other capital development priorities and the recurrent operational funding of almost \$2m was redirected to the Queensland Children's Hospital to be re-invested in rehabilitation/extended care services for adolescents.

2. Will Redlands get such a facility in the future?

No.

There are a range of replacement services across the state including:

- Mobile Outreach Services across the State (seven Hospital and Health Services)

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- Plans for a new day program to commence in the Child and Adolescent Unit of the current Royal Children's Hospital when the new Lady Cilento Children's Hospital (LCCH) opens
 - Existing Day programs in Townsville and Toowoomba attached to the newly built and commissioned inpatient units.
 - Two subacute beds at the Mater
 - Four subacute beds at the new LCCH
 - Two residential centres – one in Cairns with four beds, and one in Greenslopes with five beds
 - There are 68 child and youth beds across the state which operate at about 75 per cent occupancy at any given time.
 - Queensland has capacity to provide a range of excellent, contemporary services to the small cohort of adolescents requiring extended care and can provide them close to the young persons, family, community and other supports.
3. Will the centre at Boundary and Main streets in Redland Bay cater for any of these younger patients that the Barrett Centre was looking after?

No. This is a community care unit designed to provide services for adults requiring longer term rehabilitation.

4. What facilities have we got to cater for these types of young patients?

As above.

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