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Mater Hill Update

Mater is committed to the health and wellbeing of the community. Building on a heritage of service and community connection, Mater is planning for the future to ensure it continues to deliver world-class healthcare, education and research services to Queenslanders.

Celebrating our legacy

Mater will honour its heritage by acknowledging and sharing the history of Mater Hill and ensuring stronger connections through built form to our founders, the Sisters of Mercy, as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, the community and our own Mater stories. Mater proposes to reinvigorate iconic buildings and establish inclusive, community focused green spaces for all to enjoy.



1911 Mater Private Hospital



1914 Hospital ward



1925 Mater chapel and convent



1934 Mater Children's Hospital



The Heart to Heal, the Strength to Grow

Our spirit is strong, it thrives as we embrace those who we must always care for. Our journey has been long and we will continue to flourish as we open our hearts to those who walk with us. **Always.** In the spirit of reconciliation, Mater acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders – past, present and emerging.

A plan for the future

As a leading hospital and healthcare provider for more than 100 years, Mater is seeking to ensure it continues to deliver integrated, contemporary and world-class healthcare, education and research services for the community into the future.

Plans for Queensland to host the 2032 Olympic and Para-Olympic Games have emphasised the need to evolve Brisbane's social and healthcare services to meet anticipated demand.

To ensure Mater's South Brisbane campus is able to continue meeting the needs of the community over the next 30 years, Mater has applied to the State Government for a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) for the site.

A MID is a long-term planning tool that would deliver the agility and certainty required for Mater to ensure the infrastructure and services delivered at its South Brisbane campus continue to address evolving and changing community needs.

Since Mater built its first hospital at South Brisbane more than 100 years ago, development within the campus has been ad hoc, responding to healthcare needs as required.

Currently, Mater at South Brisbane operates as a mix of both public and private hospitals, with allied health services, administrative spaces and research and educational areas.

The MID would provide a long-term planning tool to ensure the healthcare, education and research facilities and services delivered on the site continue to evolve in alignment with the ever-changing needs of the rapidly growing South East Queensland community.

How will our community benefit?

Changing community healthcare needs highlight the importance of agile, responsive healthcare services and infrastructure.

The MID will provide:

- A long-term plan for campus management.
- Contemporary healthcare facilities that respond to advances in medical treatments.
- An opportunity for medical and research-based facilities to be co-located in one precinct.
- The option for people with high-care health needs to be co-located with services.
- The potential to reduce wait times for patients, due to enhanced infrastructure.
- Contemporary infrastructure to drive increased employment opportunities for doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, medical support workers, administration staff and contractors.
- The opportunity to create a pedestrianfriendly environment with streetscaping surrounding the site.

You can find more information on MIDs here:

https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/infrastructure-planning/infrastructure-designations

What is the long term plan for the site?

The MID application is aimed at enabling Mater to continue delivering world-class, contemporary services at South Brisbane into the future. It seeks the designation of infrastructure in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Planning Regulation 2017 **('Planning Regulation')** for the following:



Education facilities



Emergency service facilities



Hospitals and healthcare services



Residential care facilities

Plan of development

The MID is supported by a Plan of Development (POD).

The Plan of Development (POD) is a visual depiction of the long-term strategy and serves to ensure the placemaking planning process continues to focus on the key objective of delivering a contemporary, agile heatlhcare hub capable of meeting the needs of the community over the next 30 years.



What long term planning considerations have been included?

Mater's MID application includes a range of additional supporting material including a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA), Heritage Impact Assessments, Conservation Management Plan, Environmental Assessment Report (EAR), Preliminary Engagement Consultation Strategy, Plan of Development, Civil Engineering Report and Acoustic Engineering Report.

Traffic and access	Heritage protection	Residential interface	Sustainability
 The proposed MID is accompanied by a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) that identifies trigger points for road upgrades, pending any increase in general vehicle trips generated by the MID. 	 As part of the MID process, Mater is reviewing and updating its existing Conservation Management Plan (CMP) over the site. In addition to retaining high and medium significant heritage buildings, there will also be design criteria for enhancements within the Mater site. Overall, the proposed MID seeks to retain the core heritage values fundamental to Mater Hill, while ensuring the site can respond to future healthcare needs. 	 Mater has considered feedback from the preliminary stakeholder engagement sessions held in 2021 and has made a range of changes in response to this feedback. Any future improvements at Mater will be governed by design standards criteria that address the street and the public realm, provide casual surveillance and include facades that contain well-detailed and articulated access points at frequent points and do not include blank walls. 	 The future Mater Hill site will be governed by design standards that set out sustainable development initiatives. A site wide sustainability strategy will be undertaken by a suitably qualified person before any redevelopment or upgrades take place. Mater has proposed that an Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) report be undertaken to ensure that all reporting is undertaken with the most up to date sustainability standards and criteria as these are constantly evolving.

Have your say

Timelines

Mater has completed preliminary stakeholder engagement for the proposed MID with further consultation currently underway.

Key milestone	Status/timeframes	
Preparation and completion of the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation application	Completed	
Preliminary stakeholder engagement	Completed August and September 2021	
Lodgement of the MID application	July 2022	
Public notification phase	13 November – 15 December 2023	
State government consideration of submissions and comments	January 2024 (TBC)	
Minister's Decision	April 2024 (TBC)	

Have your say

Mater is committed to continuing to consult our community and providing you with regular updates.

We encourage you to learn more about our plans for the future, and provide feedback via:

Online: www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/mid-consultations

Email: infrastructuredesignation@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au

Post: PO Box 15009, City East QLD 4002 or

Phone: 1300 967 433



For more information: mater.org.au/materhill

This newsletter provides our local community with an update on the progress of the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) process, outlines next steps and where to go for further information.