Work Begins on Oncology Unit

The Health Minister Chris Burns today announced Darwin company Halikos Group will build Darwin’s Radiation Oncology Unit and work has already begun on the site.

Dr Burns said the first stage of construction involves the relocation of the helipad in the grounds of the Royal Darwin Hospital campus to make way for the new unit. That work is well under way.

The second stage involves the final design and construction of the unit.

“Darwin’s Radiation Oncology Unit is becoming a solid reality,” Dr Burns said.

“Royal Adelaide Hospital has already agreed to operate the service and we’re well advanced to secure a 10-year agreement with them. The announcement of Halikos to construct the unit is the final piece of this important jigsaw.

“This Government is delivering a top quality, safe and sustainable oncology service for all Territorians.”

Dr Burns said Halikos Group was awarded the $7.6m tender to design and construct the unit. The design team includes Cheesman Architects, Australia’s leading designer of radiation oncology facilities.

“Halikos is a multi-award winning Territory company that has a solid reputation for delivering innovative projects.

“The final design concept is expected to be finished within 6-8 weeks. Work on the main building is expected to begin in October with the creation of about 70 jobs during the peak of the construction stage.”

Dr Burns said the work is concentrated around existing car parks and minimal disruption to services is expected.

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