Another Milestone for Palmerston Hospital

The planning of Palmerston Hospital has taken another important step with the awarding of the design tender to the well-known Darwin-based firm MKEA architects.

The firm will partner with Suter Architects, health facilities architects based in Sydney and Melbourne.

“Now that we have a designated site, the $110 million hospital project is moving to the next phase, the architectural design,” Health Minister Kon Vatskalis said.

“I am pleased to announce that a highly regarded local firm has been successful in gaining the contract for designing Palmerston Hospital.

“MKEA has more than thirty years experience in the Territory, including the Charles Darwin University Science Laboratory, gymnasium and medical clinic, and the Palmerston CBD redevelopment, comprising the public library and recreation centre.”

Suters Architects has extensive health experience, including the Newcastle Mater Hospital (NSW), Echuca Hospital Development (Vic); Shepparton Hospital redevelopment feasibility (Vic); and Innisfail Hospital redevelopment (Qld).

The services provided at Palmerston Hospital will include a well equipped emergency department, day procedures, in-patient beds, some maternity services, and outpatient services.

“The planning process for the clinical services is well under way and is being driven by ongoing input from experienced doctors and other clinicians, as well as the local community,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“The hospital will service Palmerston and the surrounding districts into the future.”

The awarding of the architectural tender comes as the early works tender for the hospital was advertised today. The early works include the upgrade and extension of water and sewer mains services to the Palmerston Hospital site and the provision of temporary fencing.

“I’ve always said Palmerston Hospital will be built as soon as possible, and this latest milestone is another sign that it’s full steam ahead for this vital facility,” Mr Vatskalis said.

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