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Kim Hames
Deputy Premier; Health; Indigenous Affairs

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New plans under way for Royal Perth Hospital redevelopment

Portfolio: Health

Planning for the redevelopment of Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) to become a major 400-bed tertiary hospital is under way, Health Minister Kim Hames said today.

“The State Government is full-steam ahead in planning the redevelopment of RPH and it is important to remember that we always said this was a project for our second term of Government,” Dr Hames said.

The redevelopment is likely to include a new emergency department and west wing, as well as proposals for the future use of the remainder of the building.

It is being overseen by former Department of Housing and Works director general Greg Joyce, whose redevelopment committee includes representatives from the City of Perth.

The Minister said the Government was moving ahead with its 2008 election promise to keep RPH open, despite continued resistance from the Opposition to retaining the hospital and protecting its future in legislation.

“It’s unfortunate that Labor members, including those in the eastern suburbs whose electorates would most benefit from the retention of RPH, do not have an understanding of the health reforms being undertaken,” he said.

“These Labor members are looking to punish people in the eastern suburbs with a pig-headed push to close our major, centrally-located hospital as a tertiary hospital.

“In 2001, Labor promised to fix the health system and after eight years in government the reverse happened.

“The Liberal-National Government is providing stronger investment and new ways of working to achieve better hospitals, better surgeries, better emergency services and better treatment across the board.”

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