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## Leighton Contractors appointed as Project Manager for new Women's and Children's Hospital

Leighton Contractors has been appointed by ACT Health as Project Manager for the delivery of the new Women's and Children's Hospital at the Canberra Hospital campus in Garran, ACT.

The \$97 million Women's and Children's Hospital is one of the first major clinical capital developments in the extensive redevelopment of Canberra Hospital's health and support services over the next 10 years.

Peter Handel, General Manager NSW/ACT, Construction Division of Leighton Contractors, said the company was proud to be associated with this landmark public health project.

"The Women's and Children's Hospital is one of the nation's most progressive health projects which will set the benchmark for women's, paediatric and new born care within Australia," Mr Handel said.

"With expanded facilities and innovations such as e-health clinical information and servicing technology, the new Hospital will provide best practice health care and have the flexibility to accommodate future changes in clinical practice and technologies.

"Leighton Contractors has previously delivered tertiary level public hospitals in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania. Our health team now looks forward to working with ACT Health to successfully deliver this important new project for women, children and families from Canberra and the surrounding region."

Design of the Women's and Children's Hospital by architects BVN Architecture is well underway. Construction will be conducted in two stages and is expected to commence in mid 2010. Stage one will involve an extension to the existing Maternity building and is expected to be completed in late 2011. Stage two will involve a major refurbishment of the existing building and is expected to be completed in late 2012.

The new three-storey Hospital will see the co-location of services including Paediatrics at the Canberra Hospital (PatCH), maternity services, the neonatal intensive care unit, gynaecology and fetal medicine and specialised outpatient services.

With 146 beds and an increased number of ambulatory care (outpatient) consult rooms, the Hospital will incorporate the latest information and communication technologies that enhance patient care and safety, as well as environmental initiatives that reduce energy costs and improve the workplace.

The new Hospital will also provide clinical office space, education and training facilities, and family accommodation as well as a play ground, café and landscaped spaces.

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