

Media Statement

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\$311m St John of God Subiaco expansion approved

The Western Australian Planning Commission today approved a \$311 million expansion of St John of God Subiaco Hospital through the significant development pathway.

The approval, along with endorsement for an \$85 million apartment and commercial building in East Fremantle, brings the total value of 23 applications approved through the Part 17 pathway since it opened in July 2020 to more than \$3.14 billion.

In total, the 23 applications are expected to support almost 17,000 jobs.

The hospital and East Fremantle developments are two of seven State-significant applications worth more than \$824 million expected to be considered by the WAPC over the next few months.

The St John of God Subiaco Hospital redevelopment includes a nine-storey clinical block, 11-storey medical suites and research building, and a two-storey addition to the existing multi-storey car park.

The Entrance, a 19-storey apartment building at the corner of Canning and Stirling highways in East Fremantle, will bring \$85 million of investment to the Fremantle area and create up to 93 new apartments.

The project underwent four design reviews by the State Design Review Panel to achieve an excellent design outcome for the landmark location.

The significant development pathway is delivering better coordination of State Government referral agencies and the integration of pre-lodgement design review advice, enabling early commencement of approved projects.

When the temporary Part 17 pathway expires in December this year, the State Government will replace it with a permanent assessment pathway for significant development, with applications also to be determined by the Commission.

In an improvement on Part 17, the new Significant Development pathway will have a 120-day deadline and embed the successful State referral coordination process.

Other approvals through Part 17 include the State Football Centre in Queens Park, which will be complete for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023 in July-August, extension of a wharf at the Australian Marine Complex in Henderson, and an LNG plant in the Mid-West which was completed last year – among \$70 million worth of regional projects.

Comments from Western Australian Planning Commission Chairman David Caddy:

“Both the St John of God Subiaco Hospital and The Entrance East Fremantle residential developments are significant proposals which essentially fit within their planning frameworks.

“The Commission is looking forward to considering the other five applications expected to come before it over the next few months and continuing to play a part in encouraging high-calibre significant developments around the state.”

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