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Dear XXX

Thank you for your correspondence dated 18 June 2026 regarding the Graylands Campus Project.

The Graylands Hospital has continuously delivered mental health services to Western Australians since the early 20th century. The future use of the Graylands site has evolved through a series of planning and review processes over more than a decade.

In January 2021, the Government established the Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce to review future mental health service delivery, forensic capacity requirements and options for the site. In November 2021, following detailed demand modelling, site investigations and service planning, the Taskforce recommended that the northern portion of the Graylands site be retained for expanded forensic mental health services.

The Graylands Hospital Redevelopment: Forensic Mental Health Expansion and Mental Health Recovery and Rehabilitation – Department of Health – MIPA Summary Assessment Report recognised the strong strategic merit of the proposal and the need for additional forensic mental health capacity. The Government subsequently supported retention of the northern portion of the site for that purpose.

As part of the 2023–24 State Budget, the Government approved funding for Stage 1 of the project. Following further project development, design work and service planning, the scope was refined. Stage 1 of the Graylands Campus Project will deliver 32 sub-acute male forensic mental health beds, an eight-bed child and adolescent forensic mental health unit, and an Integrated Patient Services and Rehabilitation Centre.

With reference to your request for environmental assessment information, Environmental Impact Summary Reports have been published through the Commonwealth *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* referral process. These can be found on the National Environmental Protection Agency EPBC Act Public Portal - [Referral summary EPBC Act Public Portal](#).

In relation to questions regarding the safety of the facility and its operating model, Graylands Hospital delivers services within well-established clinical, operational and security frameworks. Graylands Hospital has established policies and measures in place, as part of its focus on supporting patients, staff and the community.

The hospital provides voluntary and involuntary short-term inpatient management during an acute phase of mental health condition until sufficient recovery allows the person to be treated effectively in a community-based setting. The facilities are designed to provide a supported environment for mental health treatment and recovery while keeping patients and the community safe.

The Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce, comprising representatives from the Department of Health, Mental Health Commission, Department of Justice, Department of Treasury and Finance, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Department of Communities and independent members, was supported by a Clinical Advisory Group and a Lived Experience Advisory Group to ensure consumer, carer and clinical perspectives informed its work.

The Taskforce undertook demand modelling, consumer needs analysis, site investigations and consultation with government agencies, health service providers, clinicians, consumers, carers and other key stakeholders to inform recommendations regarding future mental health service delivery and forensic mental health capacity.

The Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre has also taken part in ongoing direct engagement regarding the proposed relocation of its operations to enable future redevelopment of the site. Information regarding the future direction of the site was also provided to local stakeholders including John XXIII College and the City of Nedlands.

The Government recognises there is strong community interest in the project and is committed to providing information as planning and design activities progress. Opportunities for key stakeholder engagement will continue to be considered as part of the project's development.

The need for additional forensic mental health capacity has been identified through multiple reviews, strategic plans, demand modelling exercises and infrastructure assessments over many years. More broadly, the State Government announced a \$414 million boost for mental health and alcohol and other drugs services across Western Australia as part of the 2026-27 State Budget. The project remains a key component of the State's broader mental health reform agenda and planning for its delivery will continue.

Yours sincerely

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