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Statement from Alliance Chair Cr Michael Gobel regarding the Alliance's position and focus.

"The Alliance of Councils for Albury Wodonga Region Health Services' position has not changed; our growing cross-border community needs a hospital that will serve this rapidly growing region for years to come, not one constrained by the limitations of the existing site.

"Our desired outcome from this year's Victorian election is a reset, recognition that the proposed redevelopment is not the right long-term solution and a commitment to properly investigating a new hospital on a greenfield site.

"The announcement of a Clinical Services Building tender would not change that. Progressing one component of the redevelopment does not address the fundamental concerns we have consistently raised about capacity, future expansion, site limitations and the long-term health needs of the rapidly growing region.

"With a Victorian election this year and NSW election the next, we will continue making the case to both governments and further engage with the Australian Government. We are not going to stop advocating for the hospital our community needs simply because the current project continues to progress.

"York Park Group was appointed through Wodonga Council's procurement process and their advice brought a broader lens to our advocacy – including how and where we make our case – rather than legal advice alone, with this work firmly within the advocacy remit endorsed by the Alliance's member councils."

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