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Alliance Chair Cr Michael Gobel welcomes decision to await Auditor-General's report

"The decision to defer awarding the Clinical Services Building construction tender is an encouraging and sensible one and we acknowledge the NSW Government for making it.

"We have consistently said that major decisions about the future of our hospital should be informed by the best available evidence.

"Allowing the Auditor-General's independent work to conclude before the construction tender proceeds reflects that principle.

"It ensures the findings can be properly understood before further significant commitments are made.

"The Alliance also acknowledges the extraordinary community advocacy that has kept this issue firmly on the agenda.

"From Dr Amanda Cohn's efforts to the unwavering advocacy of Better Border Health, Border Medical Association and the Concerned Nannas, who just a week ago presented more than 12,000 signatures calling for a new hospital on a new site.

"This is a vital project for our community and there is too much at stake to do anything other than get it right.

"Community advocacy is making a difference and we encourage people to keep speaking up for what our region deserves."

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