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Northside Hospital Project

Project Briefing
Early Works and Birth Centre
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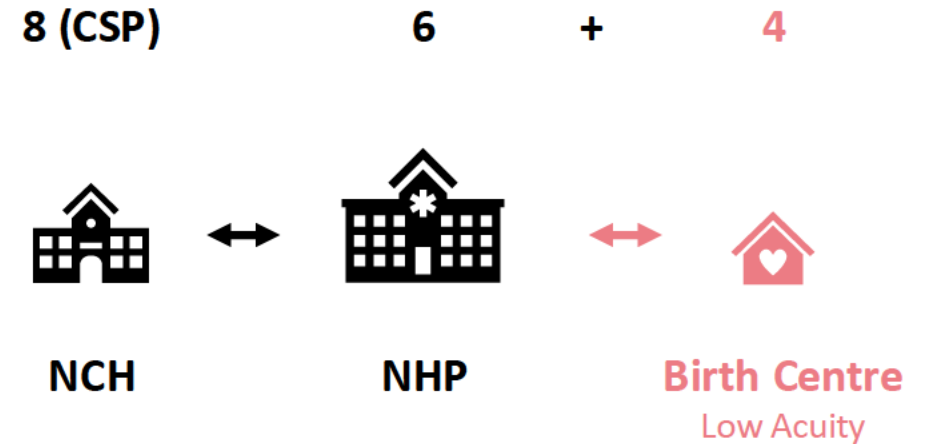
Birth Centre

Feasibility Study

- In March 2023 the ACT Government passed a motion in the Legislative Assembly to consider a freestanding Birth Centre as part of the Northside Hospital Project (NHP)
- ACTHD delivered a feasibility study considering the three following options:
 1. **Freestanding Birth Centre** separated from the main hospital was not supported.
 2. **Stand-alongside Birth Centre** within the main hospital was supported.
 3. **Stand-alone Birth Centre** connected to the main hospital was supported and preferred.

Birth Suite Requirements

- North Canberra Hospital (NCH) currently has 8 birthing suites.
- The endorsed Clinical Services Plan (CSP) requires 6 birthing suites by 2031, and 8 total by 2041.
- The Birth Centre has been advised as between 2 - 4 suites.



Birthing Centre: Stand Alone

Feasible

Discounted



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Stand-alongside Options

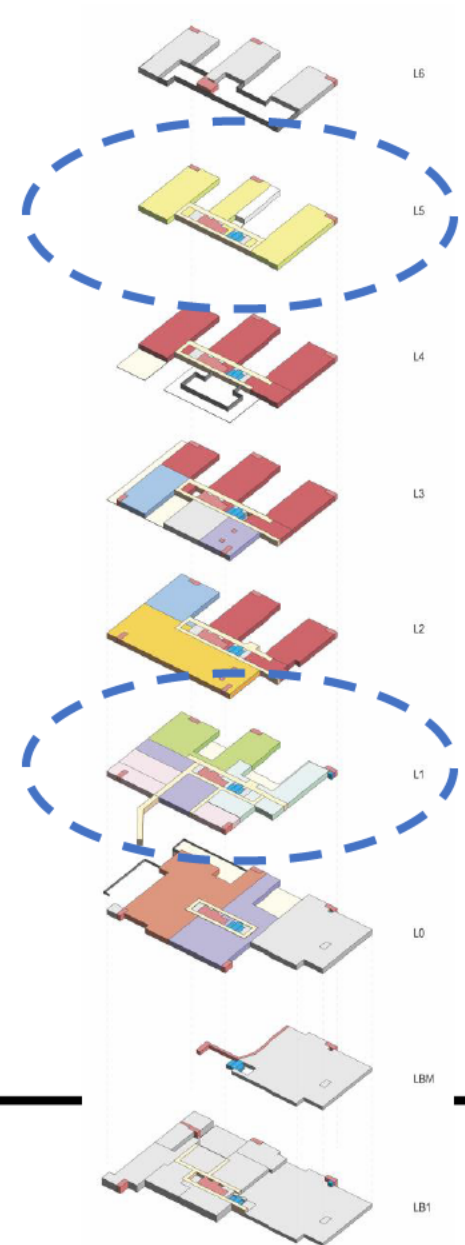
Ground Floor Option



Top Floor Option



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Early Works

Early Works Scope

Early works are expected to commence Q2 2026 and include:

Northern Block

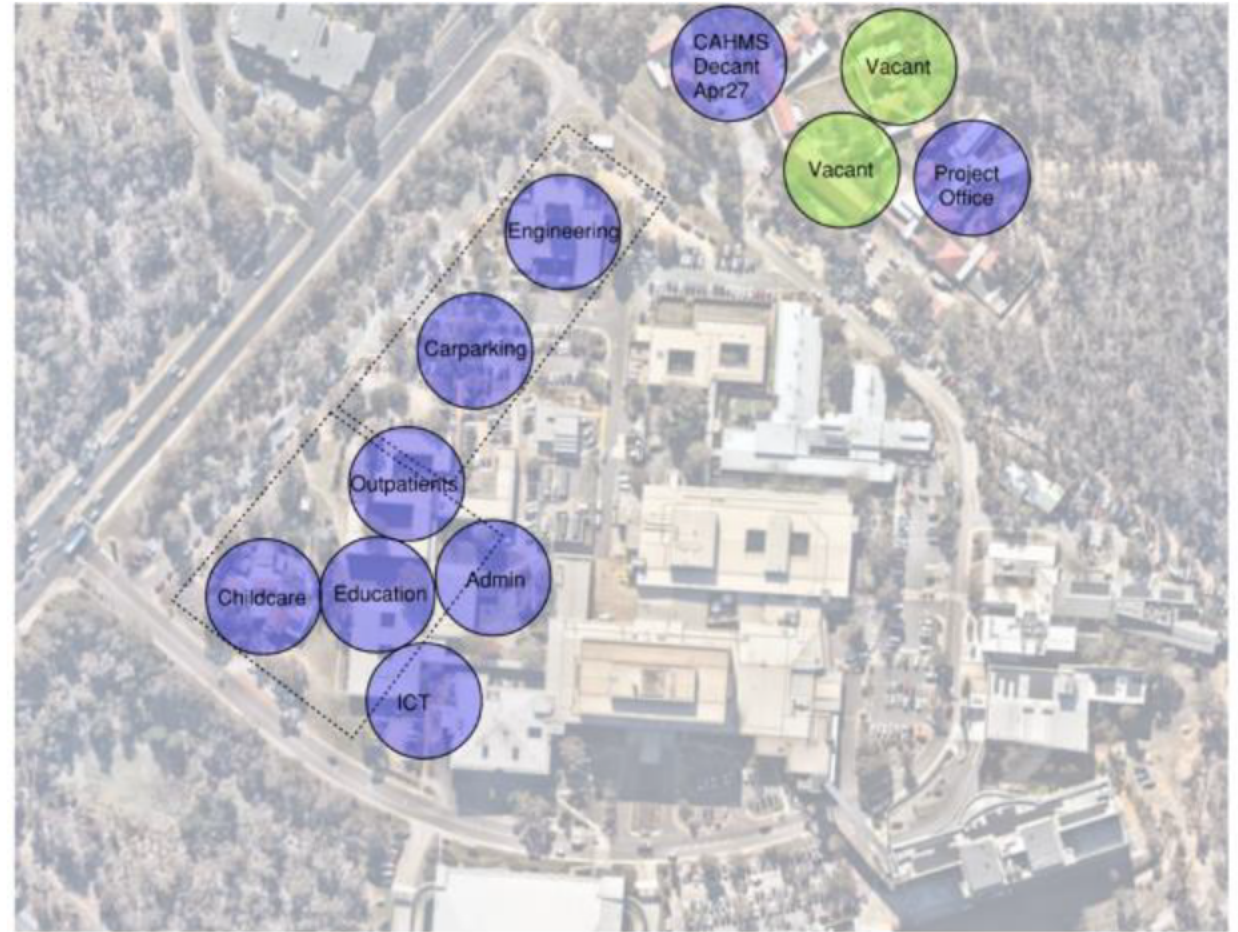
- Site Establishment and destructive testing to buildings earmarked for demolition, with site hoarding planned to commence **March 2026**, subject to Territory authority approvals.
- Demolition of vacant decommissioned buildings (retention of Gawanggal), planned to commence **Q2 2026**.
- On-grade carpark construction commencement in **Q3 2026**.

Main works new building footprint (timeframes TBC)

- Hazardous material removal and demolition of buildings within the stage 1 footprint
- Existing services isolations, disconnections or removal to enable demolition
- New services installation for diversion and any required amplification
- Back-feeding of services to maintain campus continuity

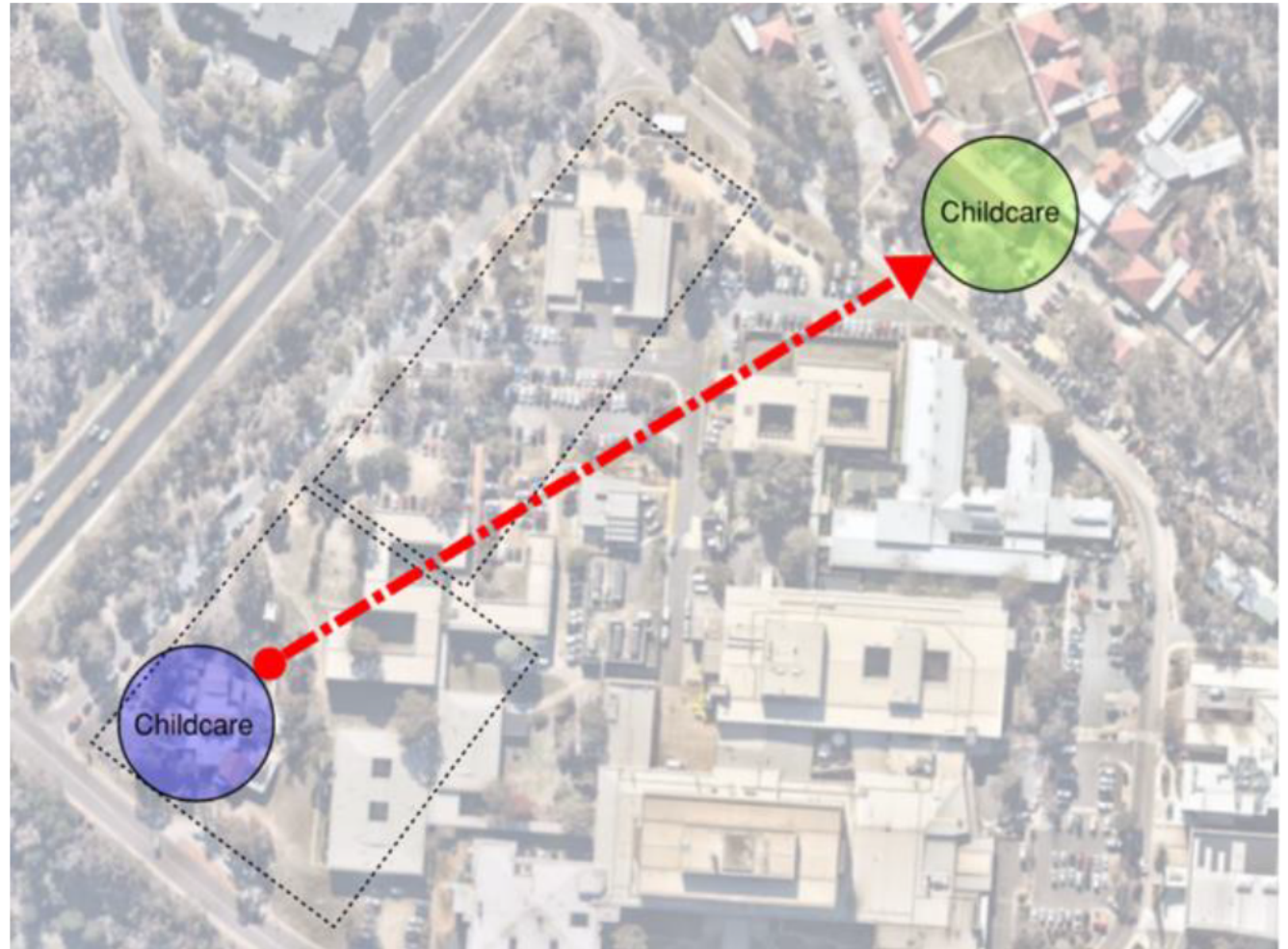
Decanting

- Decanting of existing services and buildings within the development footprint for the Stage 1 building and associated carpark is critical to enable the demolition and service diversions scope of works.
- The items in blue represent the Clinical or Administrative services that need to be relocated within the campus or offsite.
- Prioritising of decanting takes a holistic approach to ensure efficient permanent and temporary decanting is achieved, which also considers what Services are being relocated into the new Stage 1 building, following completion.



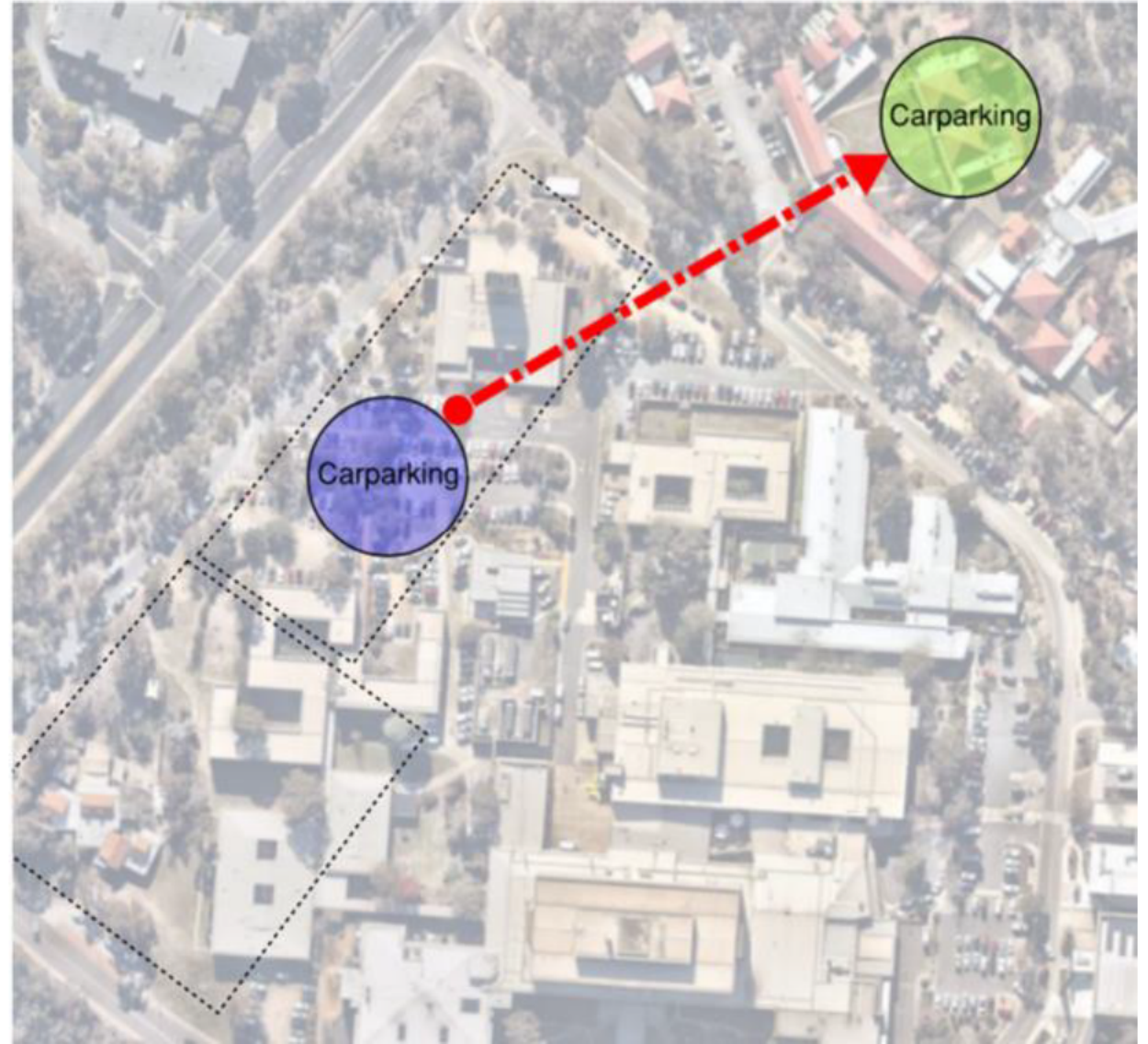
Childcare

- The location of the current Childcare facility is within the footprint of the Stage 1 development and therefore the current building needs to be demolished to allow for piling and subsequent bulk excavation works.
- The plan is to establish a new Childcare facility on the northern block in a position which minimizes site impacts and is safely outside the Bushfire Asset Protection Zone.
- Consultation with Capital Region Community Services has commenced.



Car parking

- The current stage 1 footprint and provision for carparking options will displace approximately 180 spaces which will need to be reallocated elsewhere on the campus prior to removing the existing spaces.
- The preferred location for an on-grade carpark is where the current Villas are located within the Northern Block, proposed forecast to commence construction in **Q3 2026**, subject to Territory approvals.
- The location will provide adjacent carparking to the existing Gawanggal building, by **early 2027**, which will be refitted as the new outpatients building.
- The new Childcare facility on the southern edge of the northern block will also benefit from the adjacent on-grade parking.



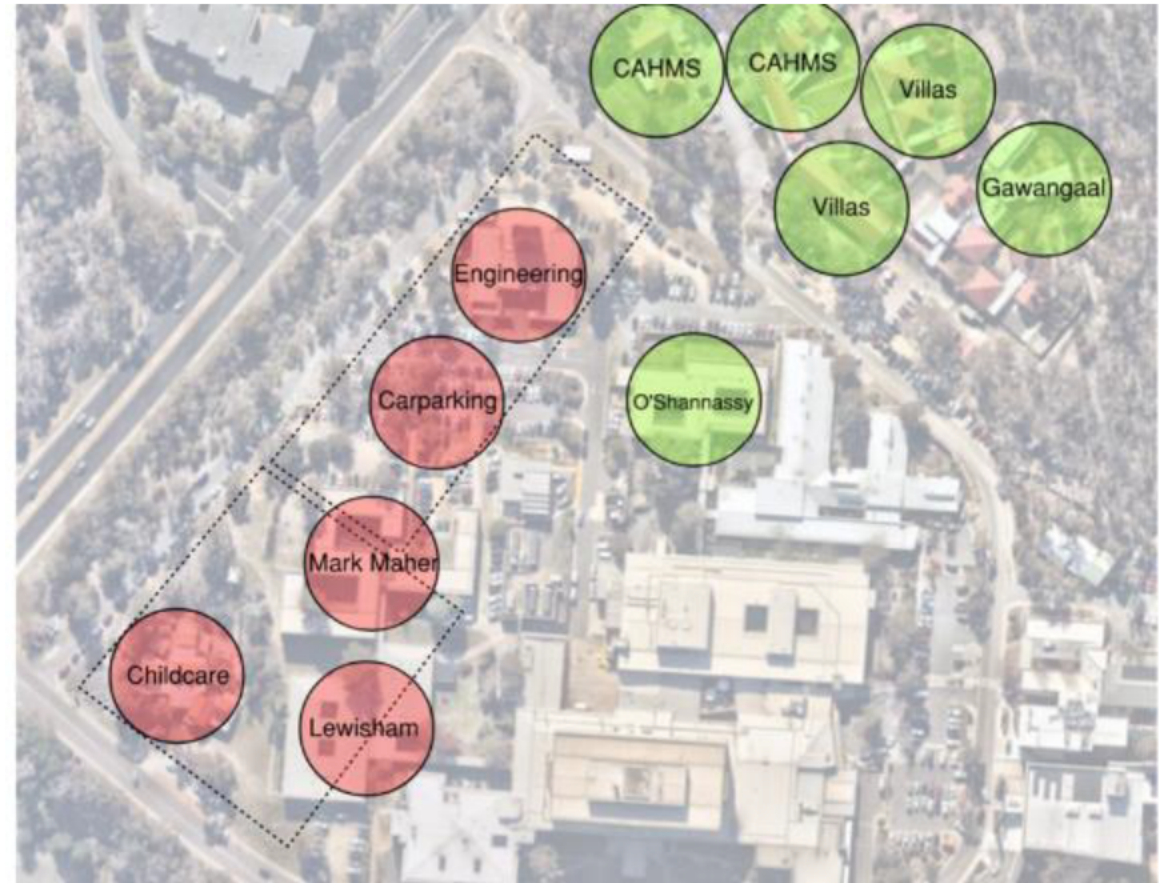
Hazardous Material Removal and Demolition

The demolition, associated hazardous materials removal are required to allow for the stage 1 building footprint to be cleared for construction and carparking provisions, shown in red on the site plan.

Buildings shown in green are either demolished (Villas and CAMHS) or refurbished to enable decanting of services within the new building footprint, and development of the onsite childcare and temporary carpark.

Details are:

- CAHMS relocation offsite followed by demolition, forecast to occur from 'Go-live' at the Erindale site programmed for **Q2 2027**.
- Villas & FMRMHU – required to be demolished to enable footprint for the Childcare Centre (100 persons), with demolition forecast to commence **Q3 2026**
- Gawanggal – retained for internal re-fit works required to relocate Outpatient Services from Mark Maher building



Thank you