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Land secured for South Auckland hospital



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Land has been secured for a future hospital facility on Karaka Road in Drury, marking a significant investment in the long-term healthcare needs of South Auckland's growing population, Health Minister Simeon Brown says.

"South Auckland is one of the fastest-growing parts of New Zealand, and it's essential that our health infrastructure keeps pace with that growth," Mr Brown says.

"Securing this 13-hectare site in Drury gives us the opportunity to plan ahead and ensure we have the space needed for future health facilities that will serve local communities for decades to come.

"This lays the foundation for better access to healthcare and provides future generations with the infrastructure needed to support quality health services closer to home."

The \$45.3 million site, purchased from Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, is located alongside the future Ngākōroa railway station and adjacent to State Highway 22, providing strong connections to public transport and key transport routes across the wider region.

"Location was a critical consideration. We wanted a site that would be easy for patients, families, staff, and visitors to access, whether they are travelling by train, bus, or car," Mr Brown says.

"The site is also adjacent to Fisher & Paykel Healthcare's research and development precinct. This co-location creates opportunities to foster innovation, attract talent, and encourage complementary private sector investment alongside future public health services.

"With excellent transport links and room for future development, Drury is well positioned to support the healthcare needs of South Auckland as the area continues to grow."

The Government has asked National Infrastructure Funding and Financing (NIFCO) to lead the work on delivering this project, alongside Health New Zealand.

The land will enable Health New Zealand to consider a range of future health infrastructure options, including the potential development of a major hospital, subject to future planning and investment decisions.

"New Zealanders deserve to be able to access timely, quality healthcare when and where they need it," Mr Brown says.

"By securing this land now, we are ensuring future governments and health planners have the flexibility to develop modern, fit-for-purpose facilities that can respond to growing demand and changing healthcare needs.

"This is a practical, long-term investment in the health of South Auckland, and an important part of our plan to build a stronger health system."

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