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BOUYGUES CONSTRUCTION AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO REDEVELOP THE RYDE HOSPITAL IN AUSTRALIA

Health Infrastructure has appointed A W Edwards, a Bouygues Construction subsidiary based in Australia, to deliver the main construction works for the Ryde Hospital redevelopment. This major project represents a total investment of AUD 526.8 million by the New South Wales government. Bouygues Construction's share is AUD 406 million (roughly €247 million). This is the largest project ever undertaken by A W Edwards with this long-standing customer.

The redevelopment will deliver a new emergency department, an expanded intensive care unit, new theatres, a new ambulatory care centre, a new paediatric short stay unit, more adult overnight inpatient beds and an expanded medical imaging facility.

The redevelopment will include the construction of a 40,000 m² clinical building equipped with the latest medical technology, a significant increase in patient capacity and the creation of underground car parks. The project will be fully integrated with the rest of the campus, including the Graythwaite Rehabilitation Centre and Denistone House, a 146-year-old historic building.

The hospital's design was conceived to blend harmoniously with its natural and cultural surroundings, offering spectacular views of the adjacent Blue Gum High Forest.

In addition, to support the Ryde district's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2035, the project incorporates sustainable features including capacity for over 100 photovoltaic cells, an infrastructure of 18 electric vehicle charging stations, a green roof, and fully integrated waste management facility.

A W Edwards will be working with a network of local subcontractors and suppliers on this project.

This new hospital will support Ryde and the neighbouring suburbs, where the population is estimated to exceed 180,000 by 2041. It illustrates Bouygues Construction's commitment to building sustainable infrastructures that concretely improve people's lives, contribute to the development of regions and are designed for the long term.

Pierre-Eric Saint André, Deputy CEO of Bouygues Construction with responsibility for international building projects, said « *We are proud of being selected for the redevelopment of Ryde Hospital and of contributing to improved access to quality healthcare for the residents of the region. We will draw on all our technical know-how and expertise in the healthcare sector to ensure the success of the project, and to achieve the environmental goals that have been set*. »

AW Edwards commenced on site earlier this year and the new hospital building is scheduled for completion in 2027. Work on the new main entrance, demolition of existing buildings and landscaping will continue into 2028.