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### **NEW AUCKLAND CITY HOSPITAL CAR PARK ANNOUNCEMENT WELCOMED**

Today's announcement by the Minister of Health, the Hon. Tony Ryall, that the go-ahead had been approved for a new multi-storey public car park at Auckland City Hospital has been welcomed by Auckland District Health Board Chairman Pat Snedden.

Mr Snedden said the project, with a total cost of around \$15 million, would provide 400 public car parking spaces and help alleviate a shortage of parking in the hospital area.

"This development will greatly improve public access to the hospital for our patients and it will remove much of the inconvenience for friends and family members visiting them," he said.

"We know that parking issues around the hospital have been a source of frustration in the community for some time and we are delighted with the Minister's announcement that he has approved this project going ahead."

Mainzeal has been selected as preferred tenderer for the development and a contract is expected to be signed by the end of July.

The construction phase is expected to take at least 12 months, beginning in November-December.

The 400 car spaces will be spread over six floors on the former Wallace Block site on the hospital precinct.

A courtyard and seven high-quality ground floor retail outlets will form an 'active edge' of the development fronting on to Park Road.

Immediately above will be 500m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space.

Traffic will enter via the existing Park Road traffic lights and pedestrian entry to the new car park will be via a level walk through the Auckland City Hospital Galleria.

Mr Snedden said the design of the new car park included a number of tasteful features designed to integrate it into the neighbourhood, including light aluminium screen cladding with a perforated tree pattern.

He said the final model for the development was a long journey of collaboration among key stakeholders, including Auckland City Council and the Grafton Residents Association.

"The original concept has been altered to take into account the views of our major stakeholder groups and we thank them for their input, which has led to a final design that everyone can be proud of," Mr Snedden said.

"We are delighted to have reached the stage of putting in place the last piece of the jigsaw that is the hospital's multi-million-dollar building programme.

"It has been a long journey but we are proud to be fulfilling our promise to deliver quality healthcare infrastructure and services.

"We thank the Minister for today's announcement and look forward to completion of this important project."

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