NATIONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITALS NETWORK
- NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON IMPROVING PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICES
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
FOR
CAIRNS BASE HOSPITAL – SUBACUTE SERVICES

SCHEDULE E – NEW SUBACUTE BEDS GUARANTEE FUNDING

Project number:	13
Hospital/Location (not area health services generally)	Cairns Hospital The Esplanade Cairns QLD 4870
Project Description	This project aims to improve patient flow by enhancing access to subacute services in the District, and preventing patients being retained in acute wards through delays in access to rehabilitation services, or being required to travel to other locations to receive necessary services. This project will establish in available planned shell space within Block D (the new clinical services building) of the Cairns Hospital an appropriately designed and fitted out space for 16 subacute rehabilitation beds and related services. This space is adjacent to the planned rehabilitation inpatient and therapy spaces. This project will begin in August 2011 and will be complete by June 2013. [Note: Block D is scheduled for construction completion in March 2013.]
Relationship with other Commonwealth or state funded activities	The need has been identified to establish these sub acute services to complement current and planned services within the Cairns Base Hospital (CBH). CBH is currently undergoing a significant redevelopment, including: - $17M Expansion of Cairns Base Hospital Emergency Department (completion 2010/11) - $8M Purchase and installation of MRI (NB. Includes $4M contribution - from Commonwealth government) – completed 2009 - $1.3M CBH – expansion of day chemotherapy services (NB. Includes $0.5M contribution from Commonwealth government) – completed 2009 - $446.3M Cairns Base Hospital Redevelopment (NB plus $8.3M contribution from Commonwealth government towards radiation oncology facility) – new carpark scheduled for completion in 2010, cancer care centre (including new radiation oncology services) scheduled for completion in mid 2011, new clinical services building scheduled for completion in 2013, refurbishment of existing buildings by 2014/15. Redevelopment is addressing the Cairns Base Hospital Clinical Services Plan 2008 (released December 2008).

Expected improvement as a result of this project	The availability of 16 subacute beds, to complement the expanded capacity of rehabilitation services within the Cairns Base Hospital, will ensure patients can be accommodated appropriately in rehabilitation beds – especially those classified at Sub and Not-Acute Patients (SNAP). It will also support fast track rehabilitation in surgical and medical wards. Patients will benefit by being accommodated in appropriate treatment settings within designated units, and improved access to rehabilitation services is anticipated to shorten hospital stays.
Estimated Cost	Estimated cost across years 2010-11(m) / 2011-12(m) / 2012-13(m) / 2013-14(m) / Total (m) Capital: 1.00 / 5.00 / 2.00 / 8.00 Operational: 6.36 / 6.36 Total: 1.00 / 5.00 / 8.36 / 14.36
Estimated Start Date	August 2011
Estimated Completion date	June 2013