

2. PROPOSAL TO SELL SURPLUS LAND ON THE HILLMORTON HOSPITAL SITE

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This report was considered at the Board's 9 March 2004 meeting, when it was resolved that the proposal by the Canterbury District Health Board to sell surplus land on the Hillmorton Hospital site be referred to this Committee to formulate a submission and report back to the Board's 23 March 2004 meeting.

As advised by the Canterbury District Health Board, the surplus land consists of two parcels (lots 5 and 2) totalling 22.23 hectares. The Canterbury District Health Board proposes to retain 23.25 hectares of the land on the site where current services will continue to be provided, and will not be affected by the surplus land sale. A copy of the Consultation Document, together with the Submission Booklet is provided.

The surplus land on this site has already been offered for sale (in 2000 by Healthlink South Limited), however, the sale did not proceed. In the intervening years the Canterbury District Health Board has reassessed the boundaries between the surplus land and the land to be retained, and confirms that the 22.23 hectares continues to be surplus to needs.

District Health Boards have a statutory obligation to ensure they are aware of the views of their resident population before approaching the Minister of Health for approval to sell any land, and are therefore seeking submissions from interested parties. If the Minister of Health approves the proposal to sell the land, the monies obtained from the sale will be used for the purchase, improvement or extension of publicly owned health and disability facilities and to enable the Canterbury District Health Board to improve the services it provides to the residents of Canterbury.

Submissions on the proposed disposal of surplus land on the Hillmorton Hospital site close at 5.00pm on Friday 2 April 2004.

Copies of a report and Council minutes dated May 2001 are attached to provide some background information.

It should also be noted that the Board has allocated \$2,000 from its 2004/05 Project Fund towards investigating the Hillmorton Hospital site as a potential heritage area. These funds will be available as from 1 July 2004.

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Recommendation: That the Committee formulate a submission regarding the proposed sale of surplus land on the Hillmorton Hospital site, and report back to the Board's 23 March 2004 meeting.