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**Centre for Aboriginal Health
First Progress Report on Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community & Medical
Services
Capital Works Program**

This report represents an overview of the progress to date of the Capital Works Program for Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community & Medical Services (Katungul) of Narooma, NSW.

Functional Brief

NSW Health now considers the Functional Brief to be complete. The recommendation of the brief were that a crown land site, located on Riverside Drive on the Narooma flats, be acquired for the development of a new facility for Katungul.

- The estimated capital cost, including a proposed facility of 692m², site acquisition, site clearance and preparation, landscaping, parking, roads, fencing, connections to services, contingencies, professional fees and FFE is \$4.990 million.

The second option, the purchase of the Chinese Restaurant adjacent to the current Katungul facility has an estimated capital cost of \$4.590 million.

Land

The primary risk to the acquisition of the site is that an Aboriginal Land Claim has been lodge on the site by the Wagonga Local Aboriginal Lands Council (Wagonga), which would need to be withdrawn before the land could be acquired by NSW Health.

- On 30 November 2010, officers from the Centre for Aboriginal Health (CAH) met with the Board of Katungul and the chairperson of Wagonga to discuss the site. The meeting was very positive and indicated that Wagonga would vote on the matter at their Annual General Meeting (AGM) of 16 December 2010. The Chairperson indicated her confidence that the Land Claim would be withdrawn.

On 20 December 2010, CAH contacted the Chief Executive Officer of Katungul who informed CAH that it appeared that no decision was made at the Wagonga AGM regarding withdrawing the Land Claim and that the meeting focussed on what compensation Wagonga should receive for withdrawing the claim.

Conclusion

The project has progressed relatively slowly to date, largely due to the lack of suitable sites in and around Narooma and hence the complexity of dealing with Wagonga. The Land Councils decision not to withdraw the claim has created significant problems for the capital program, including now the need to determine whether or not to pursue the Chinese Restaurant option or to seek another as yet undiscovered green-field site.

No Commonwealth funding provided to NSW Health for this project has been expended to date.