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Rehabilitation centre moves a step closer

Rockhampton's proposed \$14.3 million, 42-bed drug detox and rehabilitation centre has moved a step closer with the commencement of community consultation for the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation process, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

Ms Lauga welcomed the move, with submissions open until June 19, 2020, which will bring this much-needed community facility closer to fruition.

"The Palaszczuk Government is committed to delivering the \$14.3 million Rockhampton Alcohol and Drug Residential Rehabilitation Facility (RADRRF)."

She said the proposed site was on land at 607-701 Yaamba Road, Parkhurst – land the Department of Health has agreed to acquire from the Rockhampton Regional Council.

"This purpose-built multifunctional drug and alcohol treatment facility will provide residential rehabilitation and residential withdrawal management., including:

- 32 beds for adult residential rehabilitation across 8 separate buildings
- Adult therapy building
- 8 withdrawal beds with attached administration and support services building
- 2 x family single-storey accommodation buildings
- Family therapy single building, and
- Recreation and support building.

"It is expected that construction on this project, which was my election commitment, could commence this year.

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“Our government is committed to effectively, collaboratively and holistically tackling the harmful use and effects of ice on individuals, their families and the community.

“We have committed more than \$100 million over five years, through our *Action on Ice* plan, to put in place a range of initiatives to reduce the demand and supply of the drug, as well as the harm experienced because of its use,” said Ms Lauga.

“This has included expanding the capacity of Queensland Health’s Alcohol and Drugs Information Service to respond to calls from the community, expanding Family Drug Support services in regional Queensland, and providing additional tailored training and resources for frontline health workers.

“We know there is no ‘one size fits all approach’ to tackling ice in Queensland – it requires all levels of government, industry, communities, families and individuals to come together and break the cycle,” said Ms Lauga.

Community members can send a submission to <https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/id-consultations>

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