

Dugurrdja Precinct

Far North Queensland's home of Health and Innovation

1 Introduction

A unique opportunity exists for health, research, education, technology and innovation partners in the Far North Queensland Health and Innovation Precinct, also now referred to as the Dugurrdja Precinct.

The vision for the Precinct is to deliver an interdisciplinary, technology-focused, state-of-the-art precinct for education, training, research and innovation in Far North Queensland. The Precinct values and principles emphasise health equity, community engagement and the importance of place, innovating from a rural and remote community context but with global reach. Achieving this vision will require connectivity both within and beyond the physical precinct across a dispersed network.

Investment in, and development of FNQHIP, has support from all levels of government: Federal, State and Local, with more than \$300 million already committed.

James Cook University (JCU) and Cairns and Hinterland Hospital Health Service seeks to work with partner organisations (Proponents) that can add value to Precinct activities. This will include working collaboratively with clinicians and researchers, enabling education, training, and career development opportunities, fostering a culture of innovation, and leveraging public-private funding opportunities to further develop research and commercialisation capability. JCU is committed to growing educational and career opportunities in the Far North and training the health workforce the region needs.

2 Precinct Opportunities

The shared organisational priorities of education, training, research, and innovation, driving growth and improved community outcomes has created the opportunity for JCU to partner in a joint Precinct. The multiplier effect of collocating health and education activities on a combined Precinct will maximise the human capital benefits for the region.

The Dugurrdja Precinct will be located centrally in Cairns but will benefit the Far North Queensland (FNQ) and Asia Pacific regions. The proposed collocation of health, education and training facilities will enable clinical and translational research, health services innovation and application of best evidence in health care. In addition, there are opportunities to draw upon wider disciplines and industry collaboration in digital technology, data science and social sciences. The Precinct will enable world class research to be undertaken in Cairns that focuses on and benefits FNQ.

The Precinct will house the JCU CTEC, which will be adjacent to the new Cairns Hospital Surgical Centre which forms part of a \$250m investment in new clinical capacity and capability at Cairns Hospital.

3 Proponent Response Requirements

Criteria	Description	Response Requirements	Page Guide (A4)
RC1	Confidentiality Deed	Please Complete the Confidentiality Deed	n/a
RC2	Proponent Details	Provide key company / entity / structure information	1 page
RC3	Experience and Capability	Demonstrate experience and capability of Executive Team. Demonstrate experience and capability of company / entity. <i>(on at least two recent relevant projects)</i>	2 pages
RC4	Facility Scope and Scale	As a potential Precinct Partner what is the scope of your proposed Facility and how will it interact with the Precinct – physically and operationally? Please outline the local demographic needs that underpin service delivery model including your: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for your project as part of the Precinct • Your approach to working with JCU and other Precinct partners in the short and long term • Approach to sustainability. 	2 pages
RC5	Collocation	The collocation of health and education create a multiplier effect, how will your organisation contribute to this and leverage from it?	1 page
RC6	Knowledge Workforce	The creation of a health and knowledge workforce is essential to the survival of regional and rural Australia, how will your organisation benefit from and support this workforce?	1 page
RC7	Opportunities and Risks	As a potential Precinct Partner what do you see as the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities and benefits associated with collocation • The key delivery and operational risks 	1 page
RC8	Financial and Commercial Structure	Proposed Financial and Commercial Structure	1 page

4 Response Evaluation

Proponent ROI Responses received on or before **22 October 2023** will be assessed by an Evaluation Panel.

The Evaluation Panel reserves the right to:

- Request written clarification in relation to a Proponent's Response
- Request a virtual presentation of a Proponent's Response.

5 Evaluation Criteria

The Panel will assess the Responses against the following criteria:

Criteria	Description
EC1	Proponent details Experience and capability
EC2	Facility scope and scale: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Precinct interaction• Vision• Approach to joint working• Approach to sustainability
EC3	Collocation, multiplier effect, health and knowledge workforce
EC4	Opportunities and risks
EC5	Financial and commercial structure