

The Hospital: a crisis unfolding

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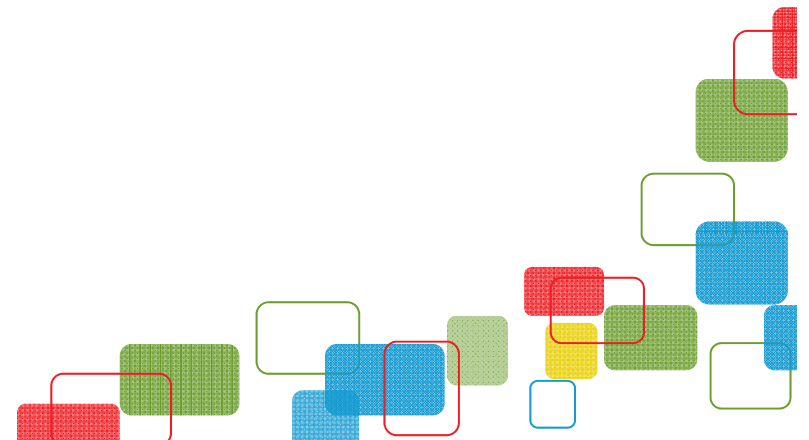
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300 + members

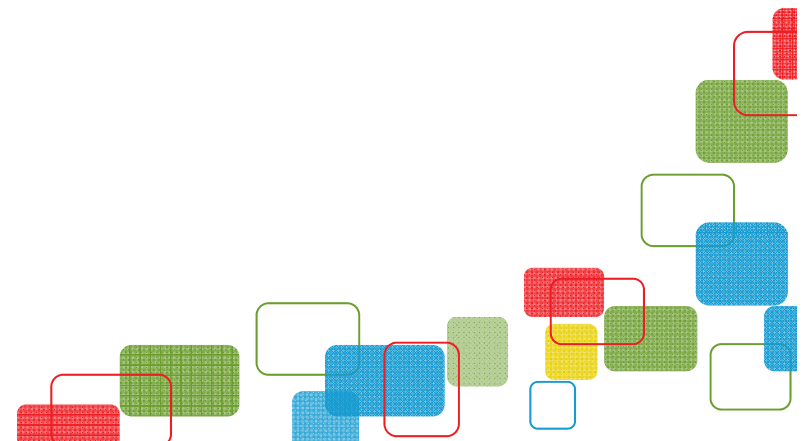
Broad membership base. Monthly newsletter and meetings

- GPs
- Specialists
 - Private Practice
 - Staff Specialists
- Hospital doctors
- Academics
- Retired docs

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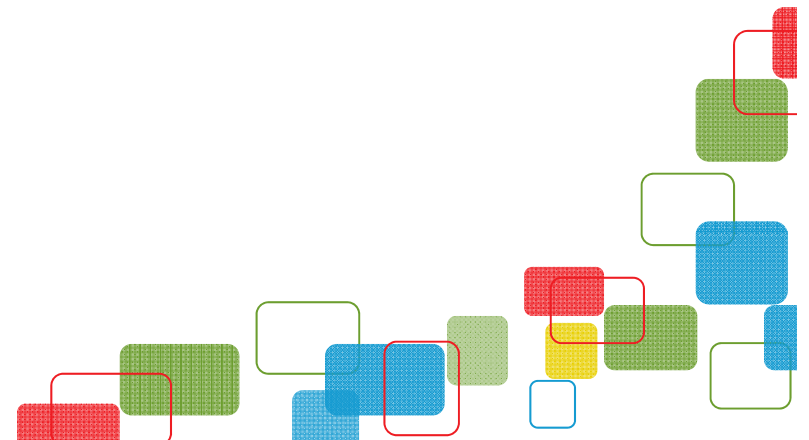


Building the new SCUH would create jobs during construction and over 3000 permanent jobs directly and another 1500 indirectly. Its existence will justify new infrastructure, including a light rail corridor, roads, and houses. It will be a substantial teaching hospital, for medical students, nurses and allied health students. It will expand the Sunshine Coast University, increasing the prestige of local education, attracting the highest calibre of students and teachers, and increasing job opportunities even more.

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Sunshine Coast Hospital beds

Caloundra 58

Nambour 361

Noosa 92

Maleny 10

Total 521

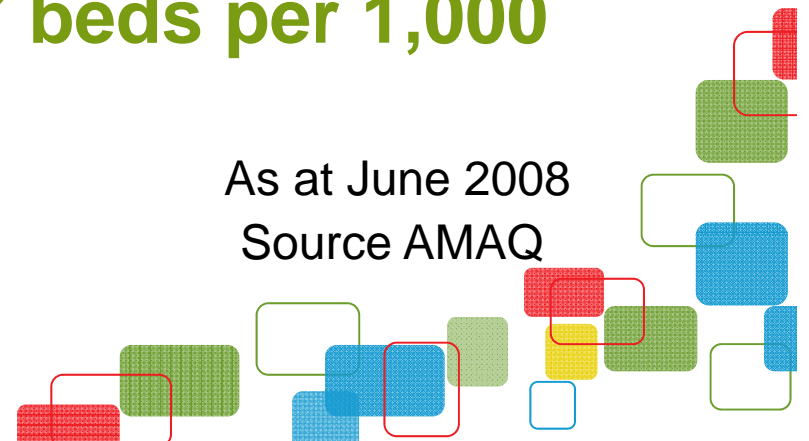
Population 312,000 = 1.7 beds per 1,000

As at June 2008
Source AMAQ

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How many beds does the Sunshine Coast need?

Public Hospital Beds per 1000 population 2007-8

Australia 2.7

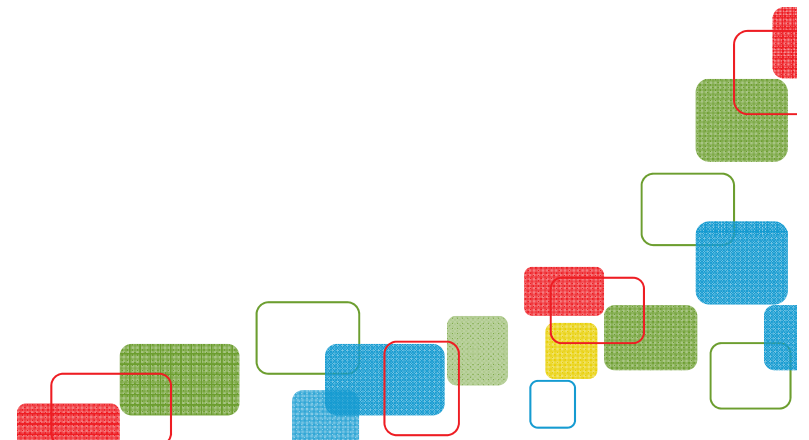
Queensland 2.5 (10,700 beds)

Sunshine Coast 1.7

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How many beds does the Sunshine Coast need?

A simple calculation shows the Sunshine Coast is 320 public hospital beds short!

Because of our growth this shortage is growing at 25 beds each year!

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Simple mathematics explains why:

- Every night 180 Coast residents are in Brisbane Hospitals
- We have the longest wait for elective surgery in the State
- We have the 3rd longest waits in casualty
- Patients wait on stretchers in the emergency department
- Elective surgery frequently cancelled.

Relative to the rest of Australia there are still 140 looking for a hospital bed!

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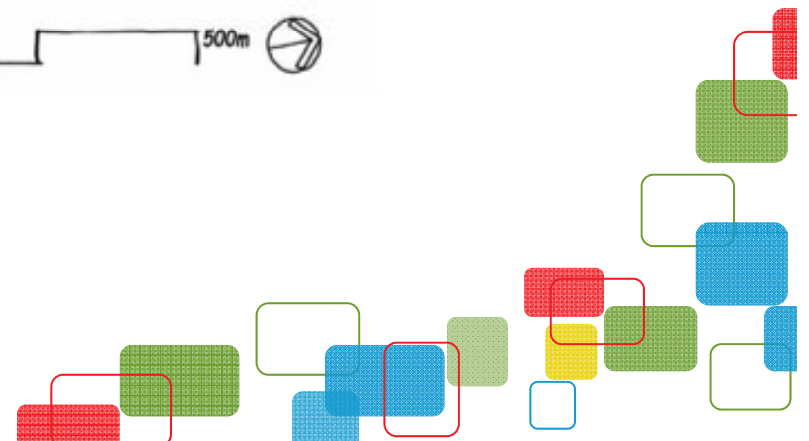


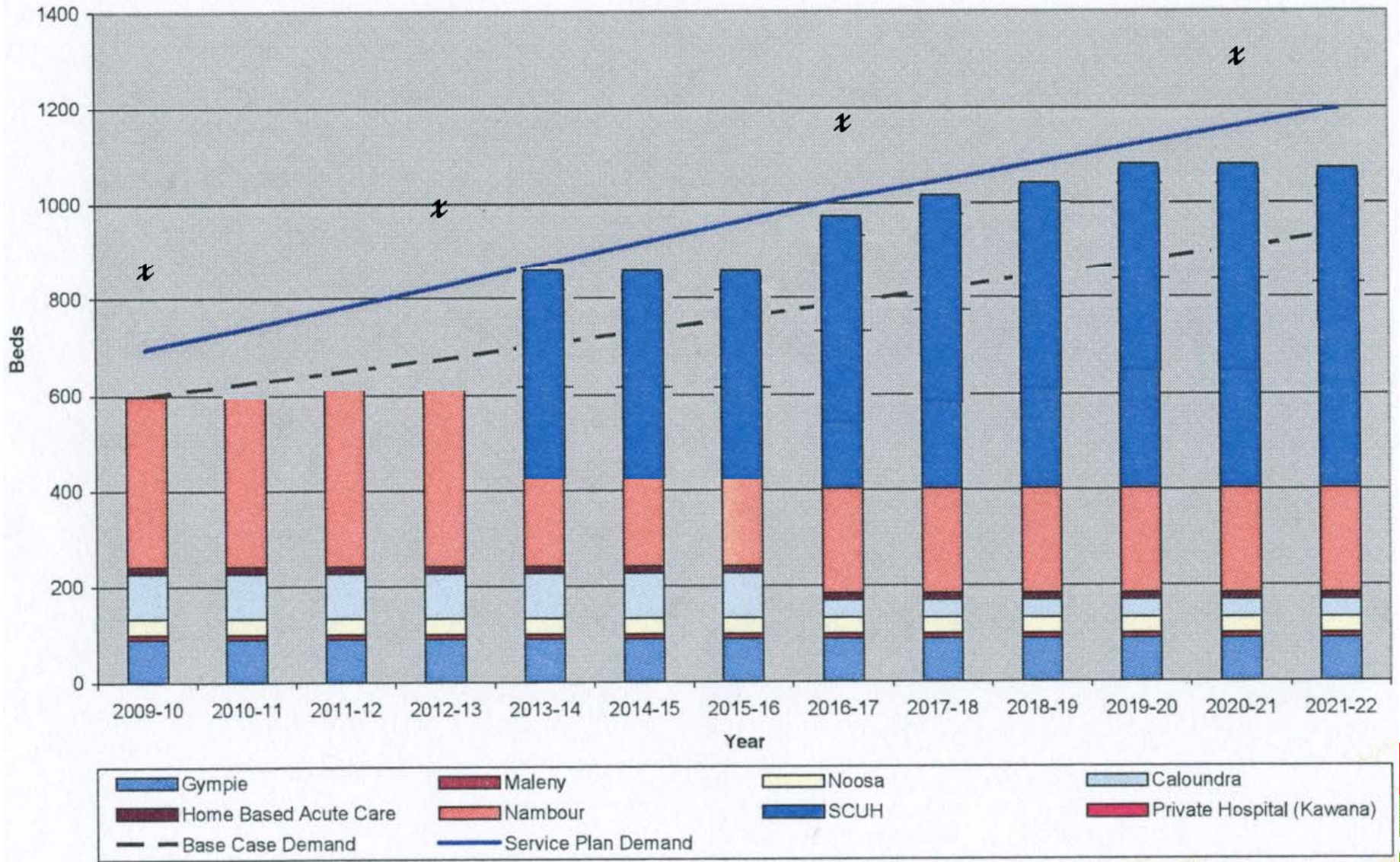


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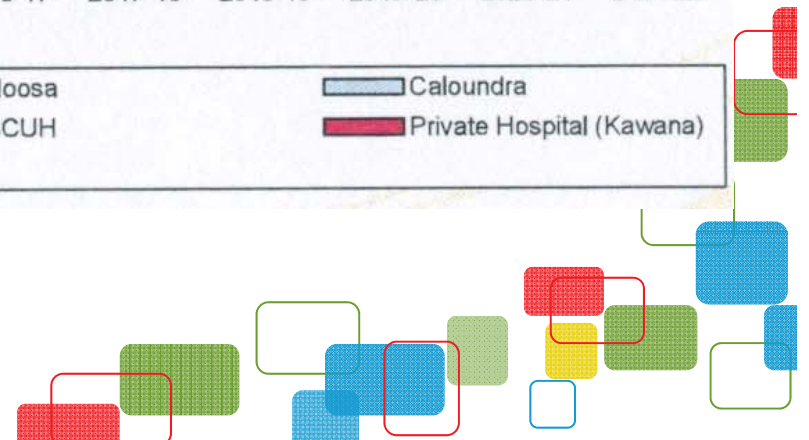




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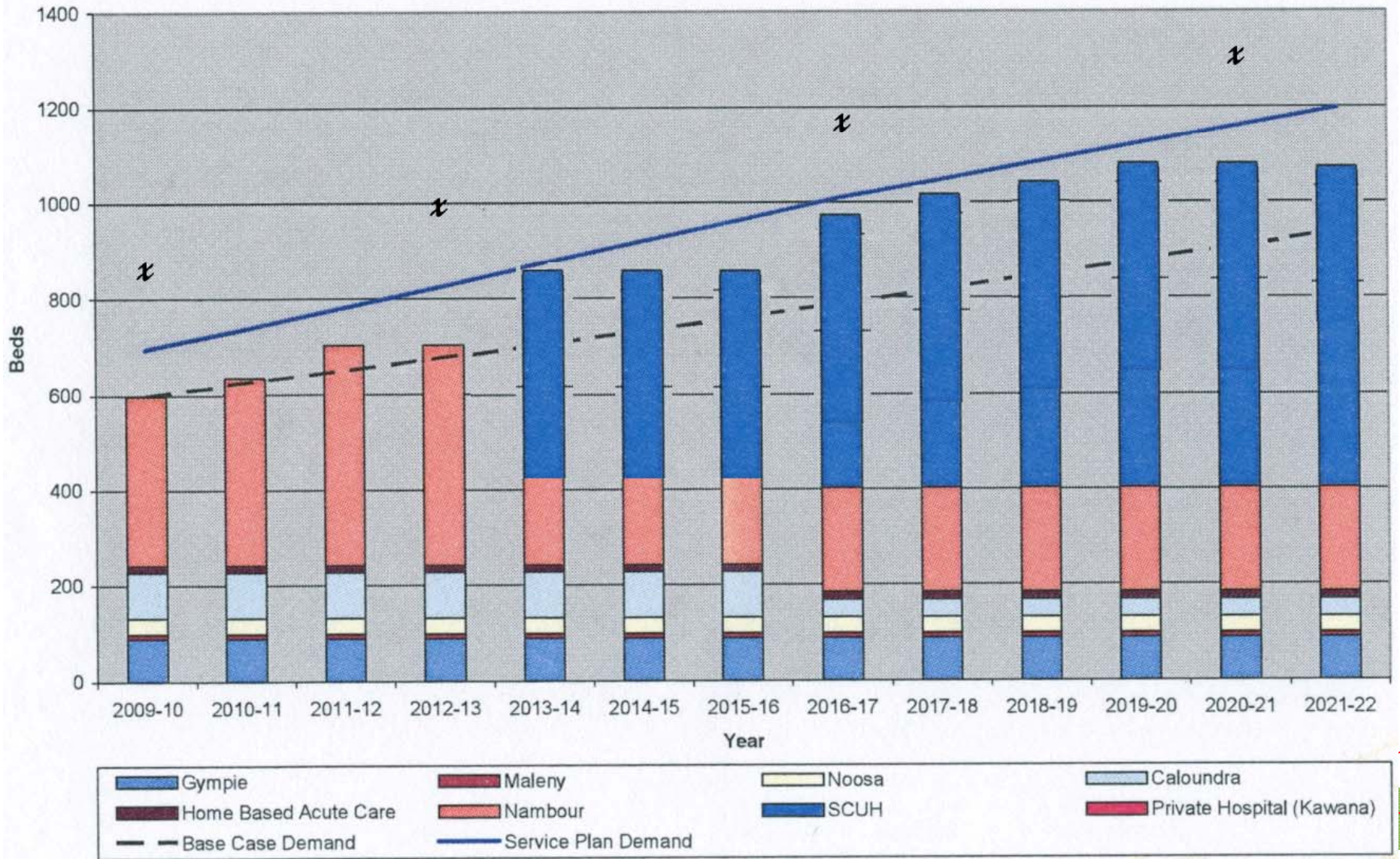


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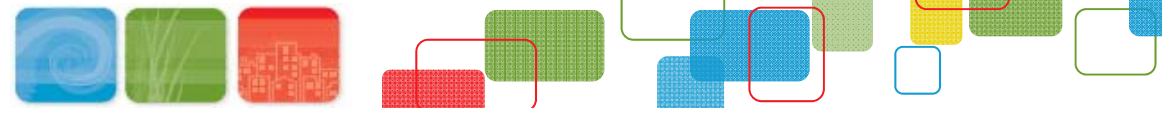


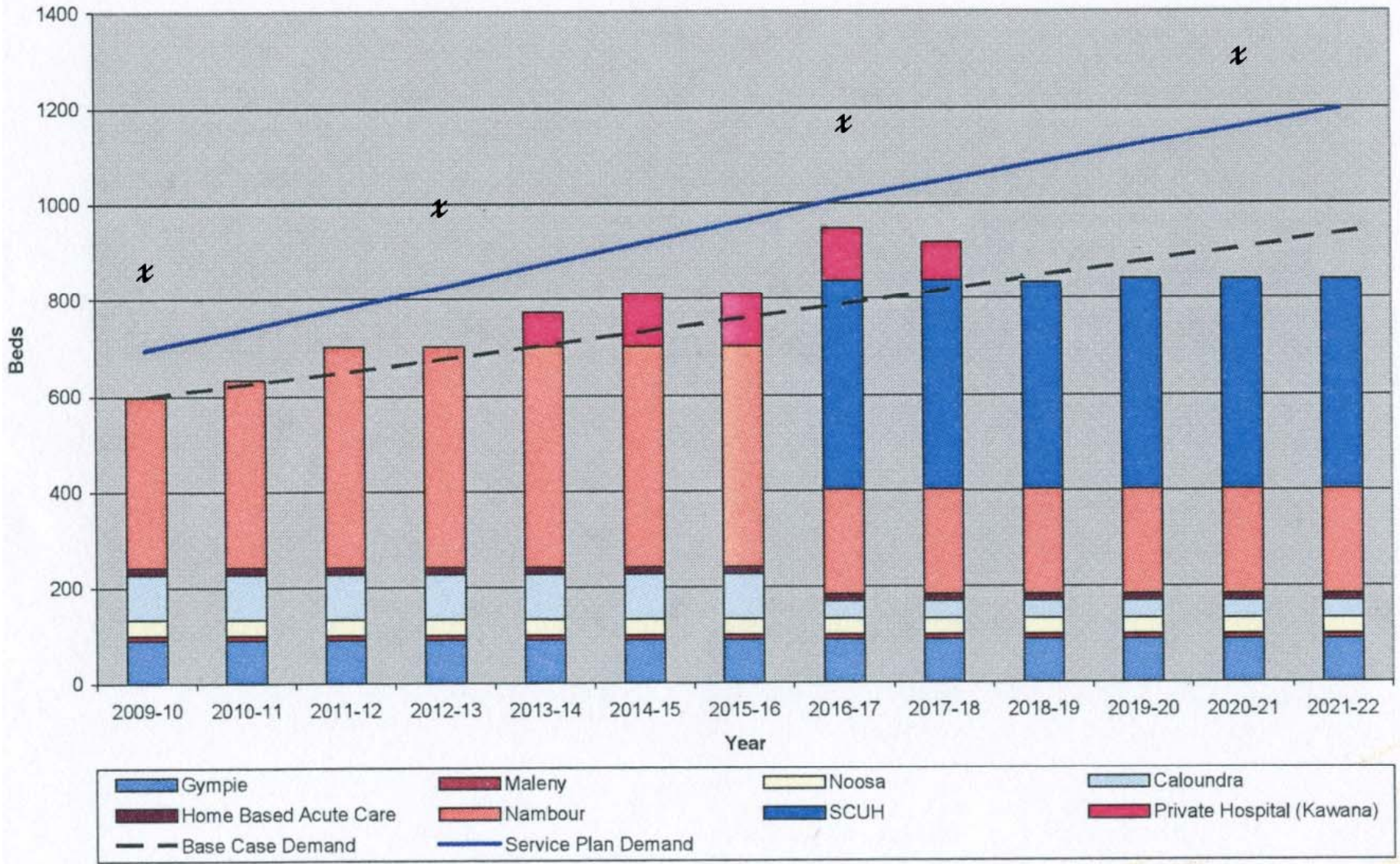


QHealth 2007 Plan

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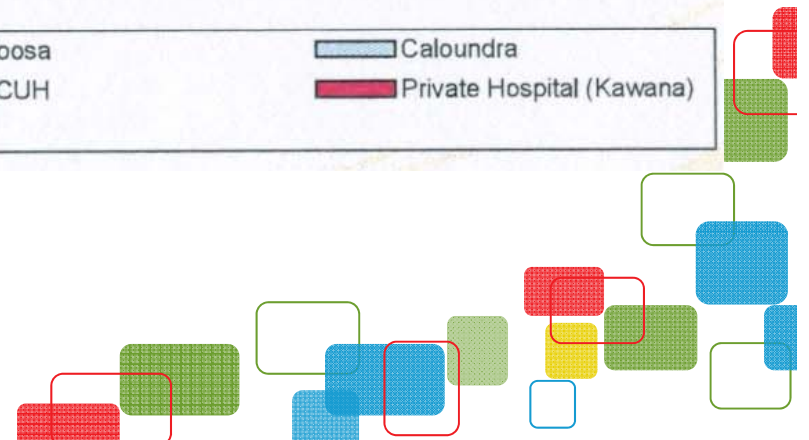


Government June 2009 Plan

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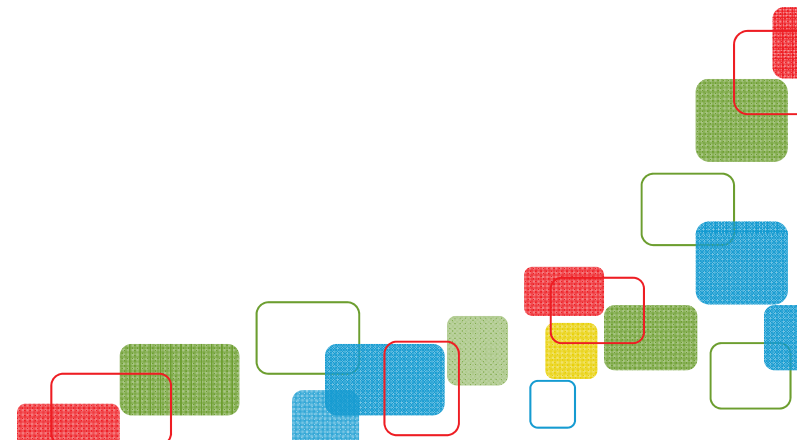
Background

- The Sunshine Project Coast University Hospital (SCUH) project includes the SCUH, and a collocated Private Hospital,
- \$1.57 billion was committed to the Project in the 2009-10 State Budget.
- Government announced on 14 June 2009 it would deliver the SCUH by 2016 and procure a private hospital on the SCUH site by 2013. The Government will purchase 70 public beds from the private hospital operator (PHO) in 2013 growing to 110 beds the following year.

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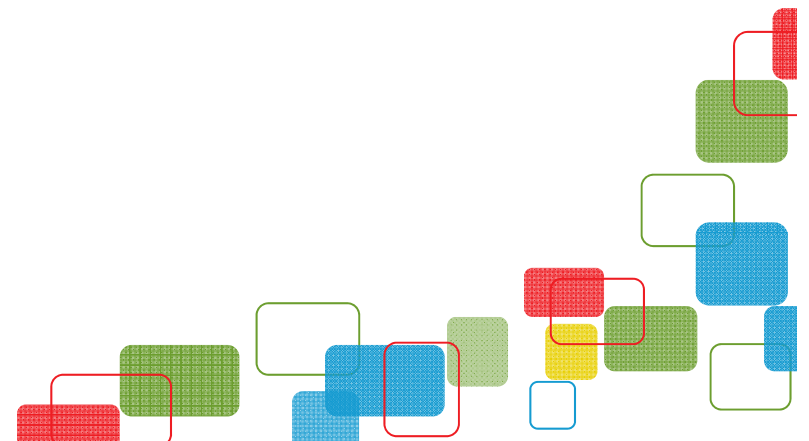
SCUH

- 450 overnight bed public tertiary level teaching hospital, with anticipated future expansion to 650 overnight beds, ...and a planned academic and research centre.
- The Government has announced the intention to enter into a Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the delivery of the SCUH, subject to a revised value for money business case.
- Construction is expected to begin in 2013 and be completed by 2016.

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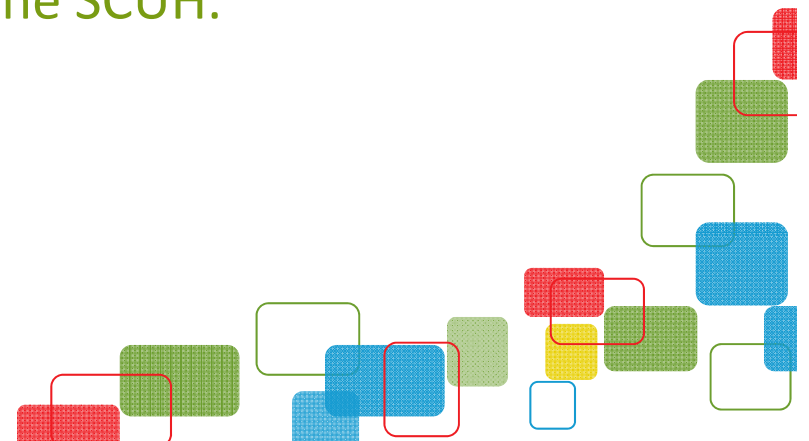
Private Hospital

- The collocated Private Hospital is expected to open in 2013 with construction scheduled to commence in 2011.
- Queensland Health will purchase 70 public beds from the appointed PHO in 2013, growing to 110 beds by the end of the following year.
- This interim demand management strategy will provide the District with the opportunity to increase its capability, allowing reversal of some patient flows to Brisbane.
- The collocated Private Hospital is a key component of the proposed whole-of-site solution and will play a key role in attracting and retaining the necessary workforce for the SCUH.

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SCLMA

Met and formally written to Health Minister twice. Minister has attended a meeting of our members

Written to the PM

Met with District General Management
QHealth Planners

NGH Staff including Doctors

Our thrust has been

1.The Hospital must be built on time

2.Urgent need to upgrade services at NGH

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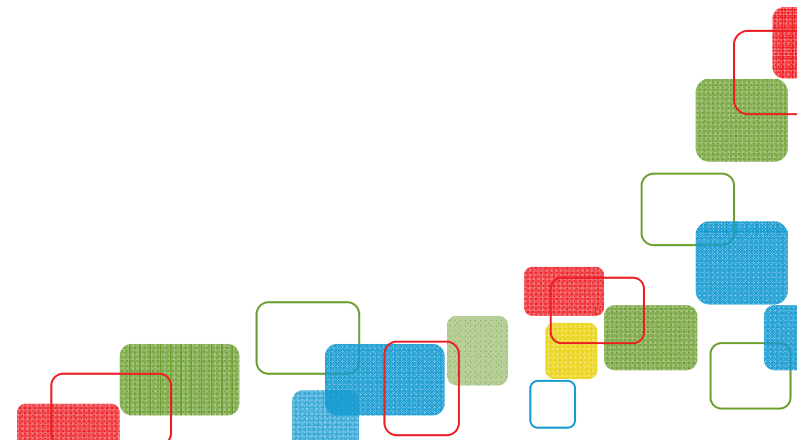
Effect of the SCUH delay on our Universities

- UQ had planned to increase the number of medical students in the Sunshine Coast Clinical School from the current 40 to 160 when the 450 bed University Hospital was to be commissioned in 2014.
- The University of the Sunshine Coast has been developing academic programs and other projects based around the new hospital opening in 2014.

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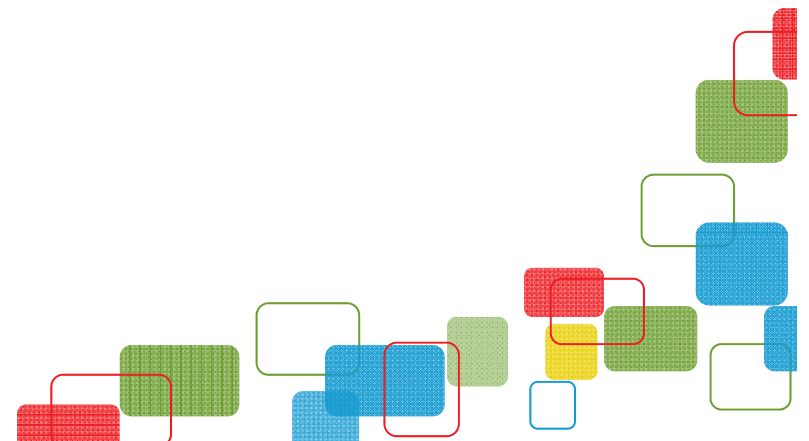
Public Services lacking on the Sunshine Coast

- Cardiac services coronary angiography, angioplasty
- Radiation oncology
- Vascular Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Endoscopy

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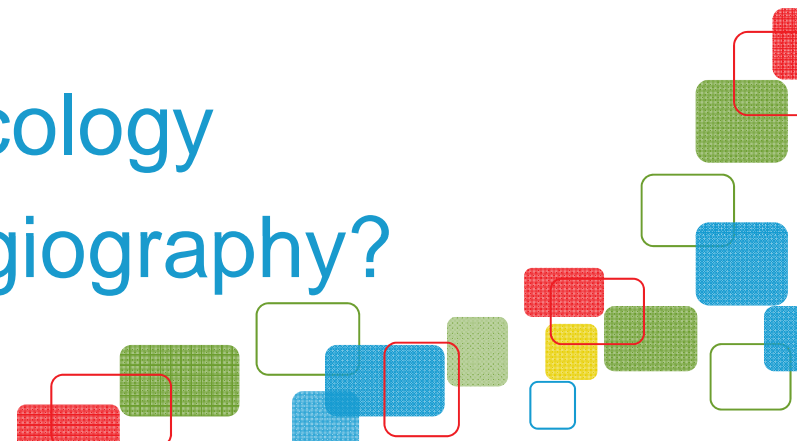


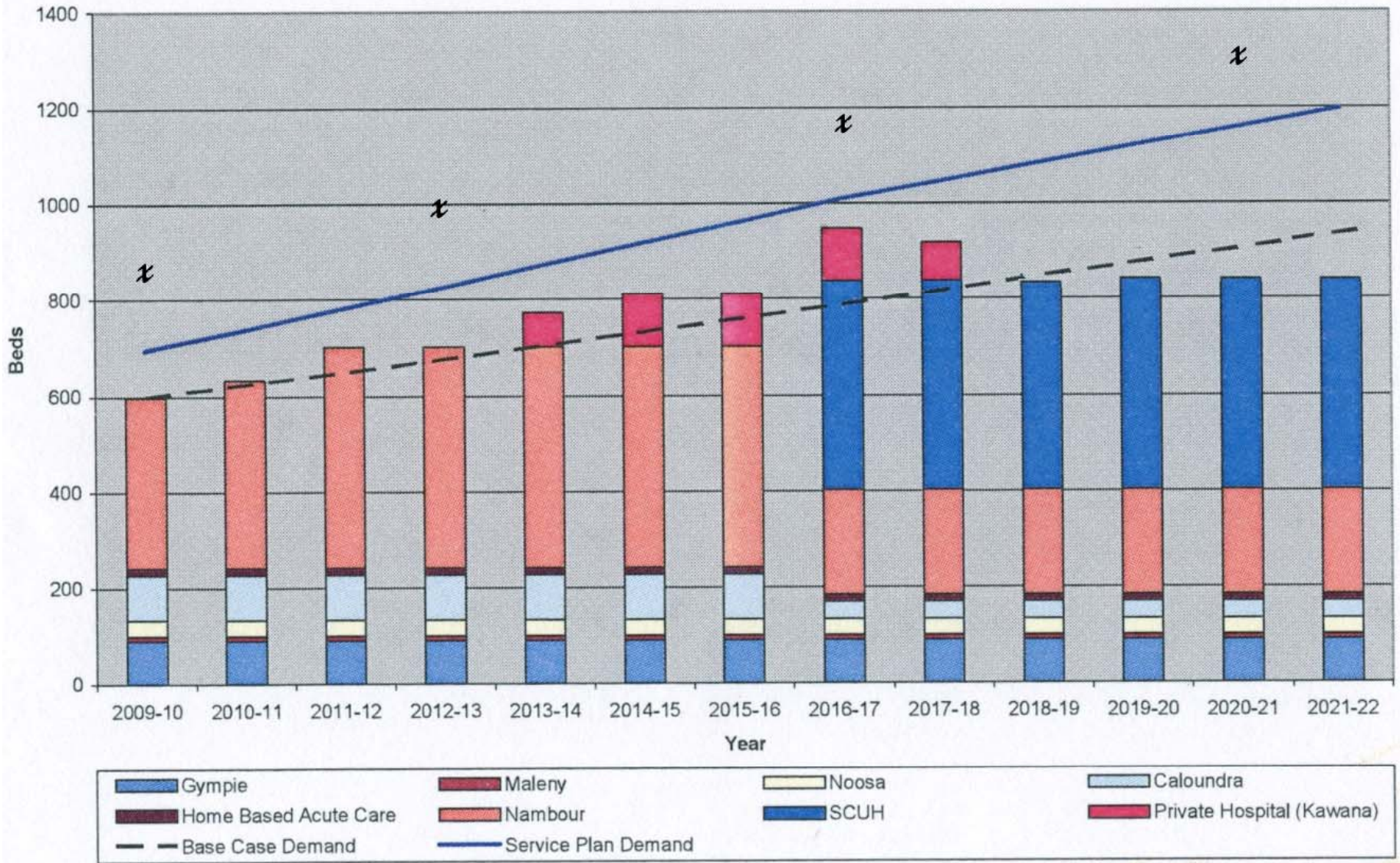
- What public services will be provided at the proposed private hospital?
 - Emergency ward ? Public or private
 - Will the services to the 110 public beds be provided by QHealth or the private sector?
 - Will services be “deprivatised” when the SCUH opens?
- What is the future of Nambour Hospital
 - Will it maintain an emergency section?
- What about radiation oncology
- What about coronary angiography?

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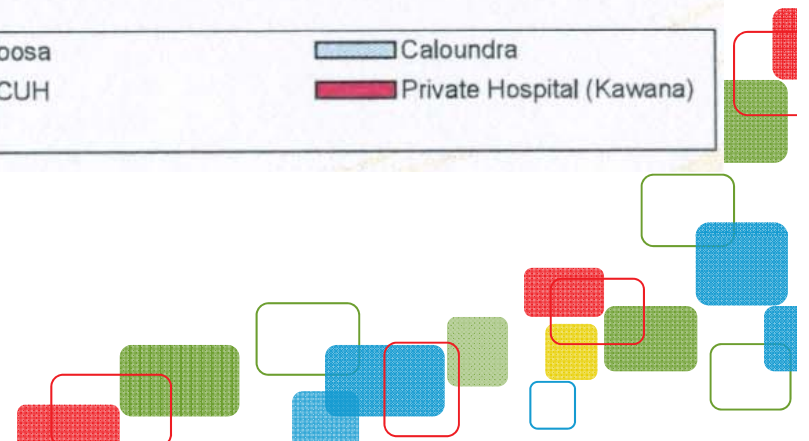


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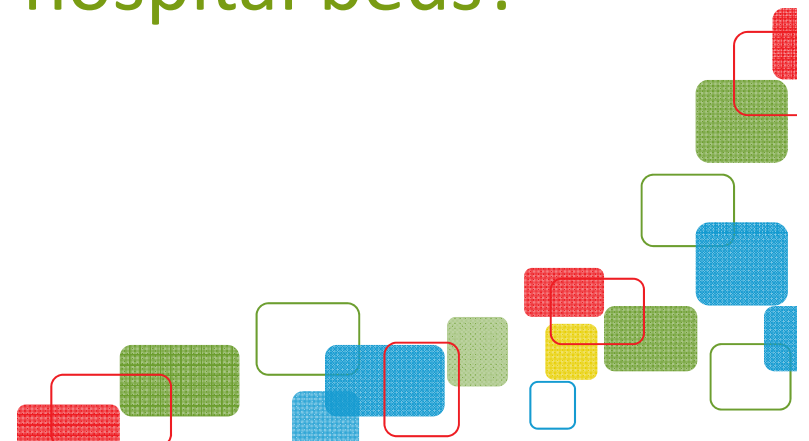


- The current planning shows we will still be worse off in 2018 despite building a 450 bed hospital!!
 - ?Build a 650 bed hospital
 - ? Maintain NGH at its 2011 levels (460 beds)
- In 2021 the Emergency ward at Kawana will be the busiest in Australia and unable to cope!
 - ?maintain an EW at NGH
- In 2025 we will require 1400 hospital beds?
 - ?build a 3rd hospital
 - ?extend Kawana to 1000 beds

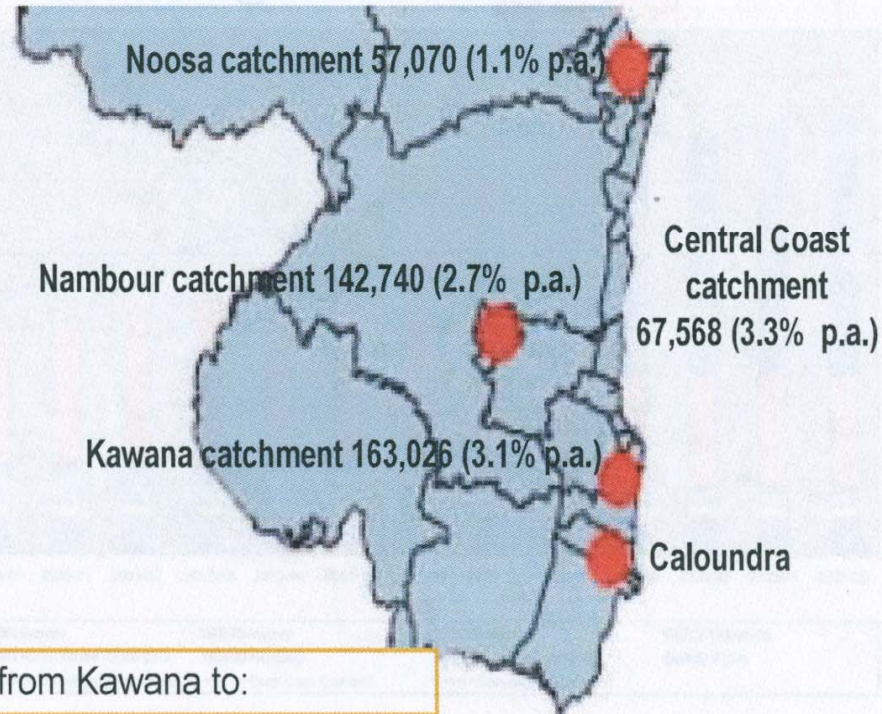
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Population projection at 2021

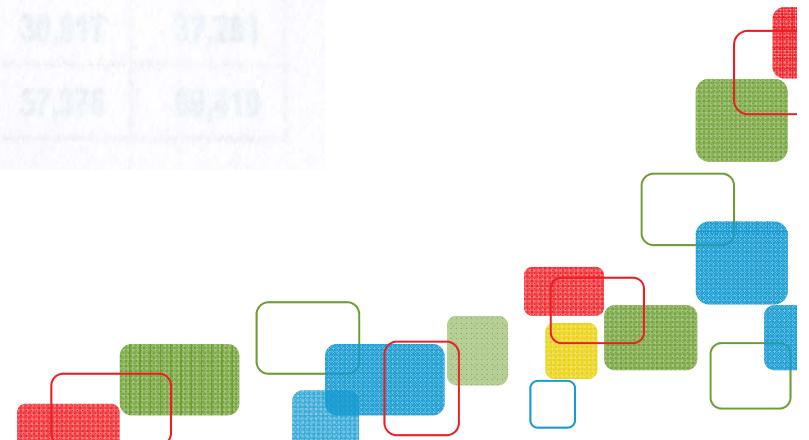


| Distance from Kawana to: | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Noosa | 46 km (44 mins) |
| Nambour | 25 km (30 mins) |
| Maroochydore | 16 km (18 mins) |
| Caloundra | 10 km (17 min) |

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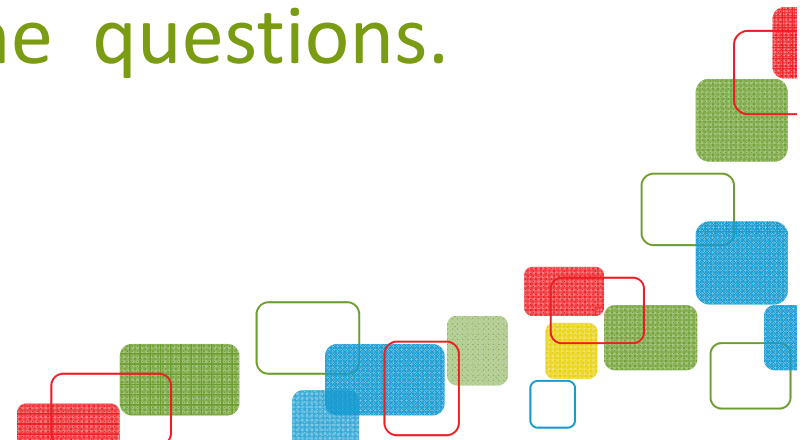
There are currently many more questions than there are answers.

Five years after the announcement to build a new hospital, and six months after the announcement to defer this project again, for at least two more years, we appear to be a long way from answering the questions.

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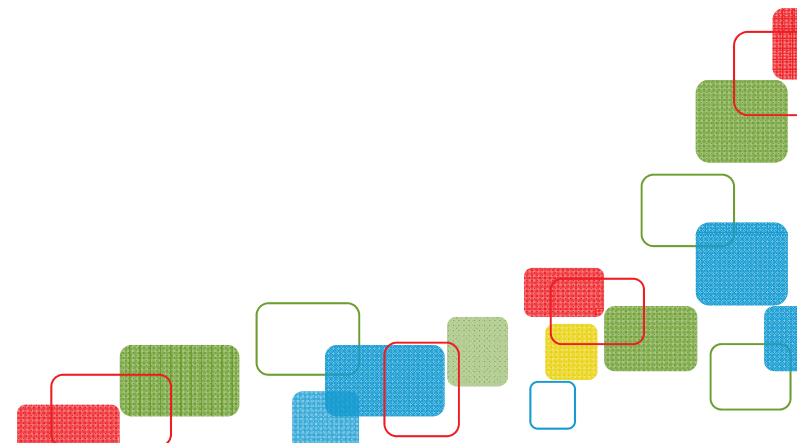
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Any development which causes further increase in population on the Sunshine Coast should stop immediately, unless we can guarantee everyone access to the accepted Australian standard of public hospital treatment and emergency care.

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**We all need to ensure that Australia's 10th
most populous area has the public
hospital beds and services it deserves!**

Thankyou for your attention

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