**Te Whakaari FAQs**

**Q: What engagement has there been with mana whenua, and what is the significance of the land on which the Health and Education Precinct will be developed?**

**A:** Four Te Ao Māori core values underpin this work: Mana, Whakapapa, Mauri and Tapu. Aukaha have worked with a mana whenua panel to understand and describe the relevance of each value to this particular place and programme of work. The area of the city where the Health and Education Precinct will be was originally named Te Iri o Wharawhara Te Raki after a chief and tohunga of very high rank. It is known as a place of tapu.

Whakaari (the correct spelling of ‘Wakari’) is the name of the area in which Wakari Hospital resides. Whakaari can also mean ‘promise’, so it also reminds us of the promises of hospitals and schools for Māori in Kemp’s Deed. “Te Whakaari” – The Promise, is therefore an appropriate name for this precinct masterplan, and especially the vision of enabling equitable healthcare and flourishing wellbeing for all.

**Q: Why are you doing this now, with the DHB soon to transition to Health NZ?**

**A:** Through this time of transition we are continuing to work towards better health outcomes for our people, with the knowledge that local input will be sought by future decision-makers. Health New Zealand says, “Each region will work with their district offices, located closer to local communities, to develop and implement plans based on local needs to improve the health and wellbeing of communities.” In accordance with this approach, Te Whaakari has been developed with local input from rūnaka, the tertiary sector and the public sector. As we transition to Health New Zealand, the Site Masterplan will help inform future infrastructure decisions for Dunedin and, more broadly, the Southern District.

**Q: What’s happening to Wakari Hospital and Mental Health facilities there?**

**A:** We know that Wakari Hospital, in its current form, is not fit for purpose. Work undertaken through the “Time for Change: Te Hurihanga” review of the mental health and addiction system envisages an improved model of care for those who use our mental health services and for their whānau. Future infrastructure decisions for mental health will focus on realising the vision of that strategy and help implement the intent outlined in that document.

**Q: Were the University and Polytechnic involved?**

**A:** Both the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic made important contributions to, and informed the development of, Te Whakaari. We share a vision for a Health and Education Precinct in Dunedin and will continue to work collaboratively to deliver on its intent.

**Q: What happens to this Site Masterplan next?**

**A:** As we transition to Health New Zealand, Te Whakaari will help inform future infrastructure decisions for Dunedin and, more broadly, the Southern District. Future steps will include developing service planning, business cases, and drawing up memorandums of understanding and legal agreements with key partners.

**Q: Where will the carpark be located?**

**A:** The provisional location is opposite the Outpatients Building, running between Leith and Great King Streets. A procurement process is underway to engage a third-party developer to build and/or operate the carpark.

**Q: What will happen to the current Dunedin Hospital?**

**A:** There is a strong desire to retain the use of the site for long-term health and education purposes.

**Q: How much will it cost to implement the plan?**

**A:** The costs of implementing the plan will be determined by individual business cases. These will follow in stages, as outlined in Te Whakaari.