

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question on notice**

**Tuesday, 1 April 2014**

994. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health.

Regarding the plans for the Karratha Health Campus, I ask:

- (a) do the site plans position the new campus between two major important cyclone drainage corridors;
- (b) if yes to (a), is there an evacuation plan for a cyclone event;
- (c) if yes to (a) and no to (b), why not;
- (d) if yes to (b), will the Minister table the plan;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) has the placement of the hospital taken into account the Whim Creek cyclonic depression event of 720.5 mm of rain in one day of 1898 (Ref: Lourensz, R.S. 1977);
- (g) if yes to (f), what would be the evacuation procedure in such an event; and
- (h) if no to (f), why not?

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**Answer**

(a) Yes.

(b) The WACHS Pilbara has a comprehensive regional and district emergency management framework in place which also links to state and local Disaster Management and Preparedness protocols, policies and procedures. It also has specific frameworks in place that prescribe the evacuation of health care facilities in the event of identified hazards including cyclone and storm surge. These frameworks will be updated to take account of the new Karratha Health Campus (KHC), prior to that campus being commissioned.

(c) KHC will be designated a Level 5 Critical Health Infrastructure Post Disaster Facility.

(d) New plan to be finalised prior to campus commissioning.

(e) Not applicable.

(f) Not specifically. The Government's position on placement has been based upon specialist advice received in the form of a hydrological storm surge study undertaken by MP Rogers & Associates; the study recommended raising the site to 10.3 metres Reduced Level (RL) in order to position the site above the 1:500 year storm surge event.

(g) Not applicable.

(h) Refer to (b) and (c) above.

