



# Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee

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**Question[s] taken on notice**

**Directed to:** Rochester and Elmore District Health Service (REDHS)

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## 1. **Melina BATH, page 49**

### **Question Asked to Christopher White & Karen Laing:**

Could you enhance that discussion a little bit more? Would you provide some information about some of the things that you think may be required to just be compliant? Your wish list, I guess, is what I am asking –

### **Response:**

REDHS Board have agreed the three priorities in rebuilding the facility following the flood event are:

1. Protect the asset.  
A study has been commissioned at REDHS' expense to investigate the feasibility of constructing a levee around the facility. If deemed feasible, early estimates of cost are approximately \$1.5M
2. Build back better.  
Redevelop areas of the facility which would otherwise be reinstated 'as was' under the insurance claim, to better meet the needs of the clinical service profile going forward. For example; redevelop the aging residential aged care hostel in line with current building design guidelines (estimated cost ~\$5M) and redevelop de-commissioned operating theatre to accommodate enhanced primary and community care services (estimated cost ~\$2M).
3. Build back compliant.  
Address infrastructure defects identified during rebuilding works which have been assessed as not being flood related (and therefore not covered by insurance claim), but which are required to be rectified to enable re-construction works to be warranted and deemed compliant. Estimated cost ~\$4-5M.