

Summary of Health Capital Asset Managers Consortium (HCAMC) Seminar 20th September 2006 in Brisbane, Queensland

Introducing the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines in Queensland

Capital Works and Asset Management Branch (CW&AMB) of Queensland Health presented a seminar to introduce the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines to Queensland Health Staff and Industry Representatives.

One Hundred and fifty two delegates attended from:

- Corporate and Regional Health Services
- Engineering Services
- Architectural Firms
- Health Service Planning Organisations
- Engineering Organisations
- Project Managers
- Private Sector
- Major Building Contractors
- Quantity Surveyors
- Health and Safety Officers

Craig Carpenter, Senior Director CW&AMB opened the seminar by outlining the objective of the HFG's which included pursuing the advantages achieved by **process standardisation** and the **sharing of intellectual property**.

The recent establishment of the Design Standards Unit at Capital Works and Asset Management Branch would ensure Queensland made a substantial contribution towards developing this valuable body of work and facilitating access by all users. This unit will facilitate the incorporation of these standards in all Health facilities and ensure changing service delivery; contemporary clinical practice and advanced technology are incorporated into the guidelines in an efficient and timely manner.

The Keynote speakers were Jane Carthey and Patrick Chu who provided a comprehensive overview of the Centre for Health Assets Australasia (CHAA) programme of work in developing the guidelines and other projects.

Our final guest speaker was Philip Senior from NSW Health who provided an overview of the Health Facility Briefing System. Philips presentation generated significant interest from a number of the attendees.

The final speaker was Jenny Hands from the Design Standards Unit who presented the proposed plan to implement the guidelines in Queensland. She encouraged all delegates to inform colleagues of the guidelines and invited everyone to contact the unit for support and assistance in utilising the guidelines or being involved in the reviewing process.
