

20171004 Aitchison Media Report - September 2017



Jenny Aitchison, Member for Maitland, says she is concerned about police workloads ...

ABC Newcastle, Newcastle, 17:00 News, Newsreader

03 Oct 2017 5:02 PM

Duration: 0 min 46 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00072037358

Jenny Aitchison, Member for Maitland, says she is concerned about police workloads following the latest command to combine the areas local commands.

Audience

12,000 ALL, 6,000 MALE 16+, 6,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Member for Maitland

Also broadcast from the following 1 station

ABC Upper Hunter (Muswellbrook)



The Member for Maitland Jenny Aitchison says she's concerned about police workloads ...

ABC Newcastle, Newcastle, 15:00 News, Newsreader

03 Oct 2017 3:03 PM

Duration: 0 min 45 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00072035967

The Member for Maitland Jenny Aitchison says she's concerned about police workloads under a new proposal to consolidate the Area's LACs. The ABC has been told the latest suggestion is to merge the Maitland-based Central Hunter Command and the Port Stephens Command. Aitchison says she's pleased the Proposal could result in more police on the ground but she's concerned about the large area that has to be covered.

Audience

9,000 ALL, 6,000 MALE 16+, 4,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Member for Maitland

Also broadcast from the following 1 station

ABC Upper Hunter (Muswellbrook)



Interview with Jenny Aitchison, Maitland MP....

ABC Newcastle, Newcastle, Breakfast, Garth Russell

03 Oct 2017 7:15 AM

Duration: 6 mins 59 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00072028069

Interview with Jenny Aitchison, Maitland MP.

Russell says there's a proposal for Troy Grant, NSW Minister for Police, NSW Minister for Emergency Services, which could see major change to police in Newcastle. He says it could see a merger of police commands at Port Stephens, Maitland, and Muswellbrook's Hunter Valley command. Aitchison says she doesn't know much in terms of the actual configurations adding that she has been told that it could change. She says this could result to job losses adding that they have been advocating for at least 20 new police in Maitland. She says there could be some economic benefits for the police but the loss of corporate governance is more of a concern. She says merging the police force will increase the distance between the force and the community, adding that it could decrease connectivity.

Audience

19,000 ALL, 8,000 MALE 16+, 10,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Maitland MP



Four people have died and 6 have been charged for domestic violence incidents in NSW ...

STAR FM 104.5, Erina, 12:00 News, Newreader

02 Oct 2017 12:02 PM

Duration: 0 min 31 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00072018688

Four people have died and 6 have been charged for domestic violence incidents in NSW in less than a week. A woman has died after being strangled in the Central Coast. A mother of 5 was killed in Whalan. NSW Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence Prevention Jenny Aitchison says these events are a representation of the domestic violence in NSW.

Audience

6,500 ALL, 3,800 MALE 16+, 2,700 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, NSW Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence Prevention



NSW Police have charged six people over separate domestic violence incidents in less ...

2CC, Canberra, 06:30 News, Newsreader

02 Oct 2017 6:31 AM

Duration: 0 min 39 secs • ACT • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00072012461

NSW Police have charged six people over separate domestic violence incidents in less than a week.

Audience

10,000 ALL, 4,000 MALE 16+, 4,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Shadow Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Also broadcast from the following 1 station

2CA (Canberra)



NSW Police have charged six people over separate domestic violence incidents in less ...

POWER FM Illawarra, Wollongong, 06:00 News, Newsreader

02 Oct 2017 6:04 AM

Duration: 0 min 49 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00072013493

NSW Police have charged six people over separate domestic violence incidents in less than a week. Paramedics responded on a scene on Tuesday where a woman was strangled on the Central Coast. Meantime, five other cases were recorded in the state. Jenny Aitchison, Shadow Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence [& Sexual Assault], says it is a tragedy.

Audience

N/A ALL, N/A MALE 16+, N/A FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Shadow Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence [& Sexual Assault],



NSW Police have charged six people over separate domestic violence incidents in less ...

WAVE FM, Wollongong, 06:00 News, Newsreader

02 Oct 2017 6:02 AM

Duration: 0 min 49 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00072013113

NSW Police have charged six people over separate domestic violence incidents in less than a week. Paramedics responded on a scene on Tuesday where a woman was strangled on the Central Coast. Meantime, five other cases were recorded in the state. Jenny Aitchison, Shadow Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence [& Sexual Assault], says it is a tragedy.

Audience

3,500 ALL, 2,600 MALE 16+, 900 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Shadow Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence [& Sexual Assault],



Police have charged six people over separate domestic violence incidents in less than a week.

2GB, Sydney, 05:30 News, Newsreader

02 Oct 2017 5:31 AM

Duration: 0 min 34 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: W00072011933

Police have charged six people over separate domestic violence incidents in less than a week.

Audience

132,000 ALL, 65,000 MALE 16+, 67,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Shadow Domestic Violence Prevention Minister

Also broadcast from the following 13 stations

2BS (Bathurst), 2CC (Canberra), 2EC (Bega), 2GN (Goulburn), 2LT (Lithgow), 2MAX (Narrabri), 2QN (Deniliquin), 2UE (Sydney), 2XL (Cooma), 2YOU FM (Tamworth), Coast FM (Gosford), Great Lakes FM (Taree), Magic 2CH (Sydney)



YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Maitland Mercury, Maitland NSW, General News

27 Sep 2017

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Nominations for the NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards are now open and we want our local young achievers to be recognised. I encourage local residents to nominate a local young person for these categories: - The Coffee Club Arts and Fashion Award; - First National Real Estate Leadership Award; - Freemasons Community Service Award; - Aboriginal Education Council Aboriginal Education Award; - Worldwide Printing Solution Sports Award; - Soroptimist International Women Creating Change Award; WFI Insurance Small Business Achiever Award.

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Audience

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Connections key to chamber success

Hills Shire Times, Sydney, General News

26 Sep 2017

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SYDNEY Hills Business Chamber was announced as winner of the Local Chamber of Commerce Award at the 2017 WSABE gala event on September 15. The win is the second for the Chamber - they also took out the award in 2014.

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Audience

57,197 CIRCULATION



State Government data has shown hundreds of Maitland residents are feeling the strain ...

ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, 12:00 News, Newsreader

15 Sep 2017 12:02 PM

Duration: 0 min 49 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071829983

State Government data has shown hundreds of Maitland residents are feeling the strain of utility bill shock, seeking vouchers and other assistance to get by. The issue is on the radar of Jenny Aitchison, Labor State MP for Maitland. The government says that between 2015 and 2017, Hunter Water paid more than \$35,000 worth of hardship vouchers to 150 Maitland people.

Audience

11,000 ALL, 5,000 MALE 16+, 6,000 FEMALE 16+

Also broadcast from the following 1 station

ABC Newcastle (Newcastle)



The funding model of the new Maitland Hospital has been discussed in State Parliament ...

NEW FM, Newcastle, 07:30 News, Newsreader

15 Sep 2017 7:35 AM

Duration: 0 min 30 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071827022

The funding model of the new Maitland Hospital has been discussed in State Parliament overnight. 10,000 signatures were tabled to keep it in public hands. Jenny Aitchison, Maitland MP, says the government's focus is on their own seats.

Audience

7,000 ALL, 3,000 MALE 16+, 3,000 FEMALE 16+



State Government data has shown hundreds of Maitland residents are feeling the strain ...

ABC Newcastle, Newcastle, 07:30 News, Newsreader

15 Sep 2017 7:31 AM

Duration: 0 min 50 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071825801

State Government data has shown hundreds of Maitland residents are feeling the strain of utility bill shock, seeking vouchers and assistances to get by. Jenny Aitchison, Maitland MP, asked the government for data on the number of her constituents needing help. The government says Hunter Water paid more than \$35,000 worth of hardship vouchers between 2015-17 to 150 Maitland residents.

Audience

18,000 ALL, 8,000 MALE 16+, 9,000 FEMALE 16+



Maitland MP Jenny Aitchison hits back at NSW Minister for Health Brad Hazzard for ...

2HD, Newcastle, 07:30 News, Newsreader

15 Sep 2017 7:31 AM

Duration: 0 min 41 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071824447

Maitland MP Jenny Aitchison hits back at NSW Minister for Health Brad Hazzard for failing to provide for the new Maitland Hospital because it was built on a Labor electorate during the debate in parliament yesterday on keeping Maitland Hospital in public hands. Aitchison claims that Hazzard told the media that the Lismore Hospital received additional funding because they have a good a National Local Member.

Audience

11,000 ALL, 5,000 MALE 16+, 6,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Maitland MP



Jenny Aitchison, Maitland MP, questioned the shocking utility bills. The State ...

ABC Newcastle, Newcastle, 07:00 News, Newsreader

15 Sep 2017 7:05 AM

Duration: 0 min 46 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071826363

Jenny Aitchison, Maitland MP, questioned the shocking utility bills. The State Government has issued 8,000 emergency vouchers for utility bills to Maitland residents in the past two years. In the same period, Hunter Water have paid out more than \$35,000 to 150 Maitland residents through its assistance scheme.

Audience

16,000 ALL, 6,000 MALE 16+, 9,000 FEMALE 16+



A petition calling for the new Maitland Hospital to be fully publicly run and publicly funded ...

NEW FM, Newcastle, 06:30 News, Newsreader

15 Sep 2017 6:33 AM

Duration: 0 min 31 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071824390

A petition calling for the new Maitland Hospital to be fully publicly run and publicly funded has been debated in NSW Parliament yesterday afternoon. Maitland MP Jenny Aitchison says the Health Minister is discriminating based on political party.

Audience

5,000 ALL, 3,000 MALE 16+, 2,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, MP, Maitland



On the bus, make a fuss

Maitland Mercury, Maitland NSW, General News, Lachlan Leeming

15 Sep 2017

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Labor MP for Maitland Jenny Aitchison will today debate in State Parliament a decision to ...

ABC Newcastle, Newcastle, 16:00 News, Newsreader

14 Sep 2017 4:03 PM

Duration: 0 min 39 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071817150

Labor MP for Maitland Jenny Aitchison will today debate in State Parliament a decision to operate the new Maitland Hospital under a public private partnership. The petition was 17,000 signatures opposing the model has been tabled with Aitchison, and Shadow Minister for the Hunter Kate Washington among those scheduled to debate the issue this afternoon.

Audience

10,000 ALL, 4,000 MALE 16+, 6,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Labor MP for Maitland

Also broadcast from the following 1 station

ABC Upper Hunter (Muswellbrook)



A 17,000-signature petition opposing the partial privatisation of Maitland Hospital will be ...

ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, 12:00 News, Newsreader

14 Sep 2017 12:03 PM

Duration: 0 min 36 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071813901

A 17,000-signature petition opposing the partial privatisation of Maitland Hospital will be debated in State Parliament. Plans for the privatisation of Wyong, Bowral, and Goulburn Hospitals have already been scrapped. Jenny Aitchison, Labor MP for Maitland, says her argument is simple.

Audience

11,000 ALL, 5,000 MALE 16+, 6,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Labor MP for Maitland

Also broadcast from the following 1 station

ABC Newcastle (Newcastle)



Interview with Loretta Baker, first female Mayor, Maitland City. Baker says that she was ...

2HD, Newcastle, Breakfast, Richard King

14 Sep 2017 8:08 AM

Duration: 3 mins 47 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071817968

Interview with Loretta Baker, first female Mayor, Maitland City. Baker says that she was very excited to be a Maitland City Mayor, adding that being the first female Mayor is just a bonus. She agrees to King's statement that she has a very good working relationship with Maitland City outgoing Mayor Peter Blackmore for the last five years. Kings asks if there are four Liberal councillors and four Independent councillors, from which Baker affirms. Baker emphasises that she aims to solve the custom issue on privatisation. King comments that Baker would be closely working with Labor Party member Jenny Aitchison, and other members of the Maitland community. King also mentions the Medical Staff Union delegates, from which a lot of residents will be travelling to Macquarie to hear the Maitland Hospital petition. Baker responses that she understands the public sector well.

Audience

10,000 ALL, 4,000 MALE 16+, 5,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Loretta Baker, first female Mayor, Maitland City



Women could be put at risk

Nepean News, St Marys, General News, Keegan Thomson

14 Sep 2017

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Federal Member for Lindsay, Emma Husar has declared the "ripping out of 75 percent of funding" a disgrace, following news the Turnbull government has allowed the privatisation of rape counselling services to go ahead. Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia (RDVSA), has been providing trauma counselling to 1800 RESPECT since its inception in 2010. RDVSA has withdrawn from the 1800 RESPECT Trauma Counselling Service.

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Audience

25,000 CIRCULATION



Some families are forced to wait for up to three years for their cases to be heard in the ...

2SM, Sydney, 18:00 News, Newsreader

12 Sep 2017 6:02 PM

Duration: 0 min 37 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071788603

Some families are forced to wait for up to three years for their cases to be heard in the NSW Family Court. Shadow NSW Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Jenny Aitchison says the wait times need to be cut.

Audience

5,000 ALL, 4,000 MALE 16+, 1,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Shadow NSW Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Also broadcast from the following 12 stations

2AD (Armidale), 2DU (Dubbo), 2EL (Orange), 2GF (Grafton), 2HD (Newcastle), 2LM (Lismore), 2MG (Mudgee), 2MO (Gunnedah), 2NZ (Inverell), 2PK (Parkes), 2TM (Tamworth), 2VM (Moree)



Some families are forced to wait for up to three years for their cases to be heard in the ...

2SM, Sydney, 13:00 News, Newsreader

12 Sep 2017 1:03 PM

Duration: 0 min 36 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071784716

Some families are forced to wait for up to three years for their cases to be heard in the NSW Family Court. Shadow NSW Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Jenny Aitchison says wait times need to be cut.

Audience

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Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, Shadow NSW Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

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Some families are made to wait up to three years for their cases to be heard in the NSW ...

2SM, Sydney, 12:00 News, Newsreader

12 Sep 2017 12:05 PM

Duration: 0 min 40 secs • NSW • Australia • Jenny Aitchison • ID: X00071783565

Some families are made to wait up to three years for their cases to be heard in the NSW Family Court.

Audience

8,000 ALL, 5,000 MALE 16+, 3,000 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Jenny Aitchison, NSW Minister, Prevention of Domestic Violence

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Call to unveil our health plan

Maitland Mercury, Maitland NSW, General News, Belinda-jane Davis

06 Sep 2017

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- First National Real Estate Leadership Award;
- Freemasons Community Service Award;
- Aboriginal Education Council Aboriginal Education Award;
- Worldwide Printing Solution Sports Award;
- Soroptimist International Women Creating Change Award;
- WFI Insurance Small Business Achiever Award.

Category winners will each receive \$2,500 from Masonicare and a trophy. One of the category winners will be chosen as the NSW/ACT Young Achiever of the Year and will receive \$5000.

To submit a nomination, simply go online to www.awardsaustralia.com/nswactyaa and click 'Nominate Now.'

Nominations close Friday, December 8.

Jenny Aitchison, Member for Maitland



26 Sep 2017
Hills Shire Times, Sydney

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Connections key to chamber success

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The win is the second for the Chamber — they also took out the award in 2014.

Chairman Anthony Moss said the award reflected the dedication and passion of everyone involved with the Chamber.

“A key factor that contributes to our success is the diversity of our membership in terms of size, type and industry sector,” he said.

“This enables our chamber to create genuine opportunities to forge strategic

connections between business and local government in the region — and makes our networking functions more interesting and enjoyable.”

The awards were attended by Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Opposition Small Business spokeswoman Jenny Aitchison, finance minister Victor Dominello and MPs from across the region.

After the regional win, the next stop is the State Awards, which will be held on Friday, November 17, in the new Convention Centre in Sydney.

The SHBC will compete against other regional award winners.



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Maitland Mercury, Maitland NSW

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On the bus, make a fuss

BY LACHLAN LEEMING

CONCERNS about a not-for-profit operating model for the new Maitland Hospital have hit the floor in NSW Parliament.

Medical staff, union delegates and concerned residents were among a busload of people who trooped down to Sydney's Macquarie Street to watch Maitland MP Jenny Aitchison take the Maitland Hospital debate to the NSW lower house.

More than 10,000 signatures protesting the not-for-profit model were lodged on June 2 with the Parliamentary Table Office which triggered the debate.

Ms Aitchison said the aim of the debate was to highlight Maitland residents' concerns about the hospital not being operated under a public

model.

"The main thing is to show minister for health (Brad Hazzard) that there is still a great deal of community concern about the potential privatisation of the hospital," Ms Aitchison said on Thursday morning.

"It's about showing that the government's not-for-profit or privatisation model is not acceptable to the Maitland community."

The state government dropped plans of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the hospital in June, announcing instead that an arrangement with a not-for-profit organisation would be pursued.

"There's been hope by the government that people will say (the not-for-profit agree-

ment) is like the Calvary Mater (in Newcastle), and they'll lay down and say 'we love the Mater,'" Ms Aitchison said.

She said the debate was also an opportunity to highlight a lack of clarity over what size and services the hospital would offer.

"This is about the fact the Liberals promised something they couldn't deliver," she claimed.

"After six years, the community and staff deserve to know exactly what is on the table."

She said she hoped politics wasn't playing a role in the hospital's progress.

"If they're going to pork barrel on health for people

who are sick, injured and dying, then that is probably the lowest form of politics I've seen in my life," she replied when asked.



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Maitland Mercury, Maitland NSW



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ROAD TRIP: A bus carrying dozens of residents and hospital staff gets ready to depart Maitland ahead of Thursday's debate. **Picture: Simone De Peak.**



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Women could be put at risk



By Keegan Thomson

FEDERAL Member for Lindsay, Emma Husar has declared the “ripping out of 75 percent of funding” a disgrace, following news the Turnbull government has allowed the privatisation of rape counselling services to go ahead.

Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia (RDVSA), has been providing trauma counselling to 1800 RESPECT since its inception in 2010. RDVSA has withdrawn from the 1800 RESPECT Trauma Counselling Service.

“The requirements imposed by Medibank Health Solutions, who run the service on behalf of the federal government compromises the trust and confidence of clients who used the service,” Ms Husar said.

Under the new contract, the private health insurance provider Medibank Health Solutions would have a direct impact on the integrity of how professional counsellors worked.

“These demands would have been in direct breach of their professional standards. Requirements to record conversations, hand over historical files and to provide information under



▲ Emma Husar MP in Parliament House. Photo: Supplied.

subpoena without challenge to a private operator raise serious ethical issues,” Ms Husar said.

Ms Husar met with Jane Gold, Chair of Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia and Manager of Penrith Women’s Health Centre who has declared the changes “grave.”

She said Penrith is in a vulnerable place at the moment and any cuts to services would send shockwaves across the region.

“Penrith Women’s Health Centre unequivocally supports RDVSA in their stand, but are extremely concerned for what this means

for women in general and women in Penrith particularly,” Ms Gold said.

“There are high and increasing rates of domestic violence in Penrith and very few services that provide the type of high quality, trauma specialist, free and safe support that RDVSA does,” she said.

Labor at both a State and Federal level are united in their condemnation of the privatisation and stand in condemnation of the Turnbull Government.

Federal Assistant Shadow Minister for Preventing Family Violence, Terri

Butler MP said survivors of domestic and family violence would be worse off under the Federal Government’s deal.

“The Turnbull government’s hands-off approach has led to the situation that survivors of violence are now facing: the loss of access to these recognised experts in trauma counselling, who have been providing the service since its inception,” Ms Buttler said.

NSW Shadow Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Ms Jenny Aitchison has thrown NSW Labor’s full support against the privatisation of 1800 RESPECT.

She says the Turnbull Government is too committed to business practices.

“This could have been fixed with an injection of a relatively small amount of funding, but with the Turnbull Government’s ideological commitment to competitive tendering, this is where we have landed - a world class service providing trauma counselling, walking away from a contract.

Ms Husar, a strong advocate for domestic violence services, has already raised the issue in Parliament and said Labor will continue fighting for the restoration of the service.



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Call to unveil our health plan

BY BELINDA-JANE DAVIS

THE state government has not confirmed whether it will publicly release the plan that dictates the health services needed at the new Maitland hospital.

It comes after Maitland MP Jenny Aitchison complained about being unable to access the clinical services plan for the new facility. She says the plan should be more readily available.

Hunter New England Health's executive lead, new Maitland hospital, Eddie Pirillo said the clinical services information would be included in the documentation when the government called for tenders from the not-for-profit sector to help run the hospital.

He did not say whether the entire clinical services plan for the new hospital would be released to every applicant.

"The NSW Government is progressing an expression of interest process for the new Maitland hospital," he said.

"The next step is for tenders to be called from not-for-profit providers to build and operate the new hospital. The tenders will then be assessed to determine the successful operator.

"Clinical services information will be included in tender documentation."

Mr Pirillo said it had been five years since clinical services planning for the new facility had begun and the plan offered a range of data.

"This includes not only population data but also information on how our services are used, how care may be delivered in the future and the anticipated demand for health services," he said.

"Ongoing clinical service planning is essential to ensuring that our hospitals and health services meet the needs of our patients and communities now and into the future."

Ms Aitchison has called for the government to provide access to the plan. Ms Aitchison hopes to push Health Minister Brad Hazard toward an entirely public hospital instead of partnering with the not-for-profit sector.

"We've got to get them over the line on the not for profit, we'll drag them there ... I'm listening to the community and that's what they want," she said.