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Old Gold Coast hospital site given new life as councillors back seven storey project

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A SEVEN-tower development on the old Gold Coast Hospital site by the light rail is on track to be approved by the council.

The council's planning committee today recommended approval of the large mixed development after councillors considered a 470-page long agenda item.

Committee chairman Cameron Caldwell told the *Gold Coast Bulletin*: "The site has been vacant for many years now and the recent sale by the State Government has provided the opportunity for the private sector to develop the site.

"The development is located adjacent to light rail and offers opportunity for large scale development in the Southport CBD."



The artist's impression of the Queen Street Village development proposed for the old Gold Coast Hospital site in Southport. Supplied by Gold Coast City Council

Cr Caldwell said the project showed confidence in the Coast economy and would be "a boost post Commonwealth Games".

An officer's report to the committee shows the developer had proposed seven towers ranging in height from 16 to 25 storeys.

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OLD GOLD COAST HOSPITAL DEMOLITION



The former Gold Coast Hospital at Southport before demolition began.
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Councillors were told the site would include a retirement facility, residential care, theatre, health care services, food and drink outlets along with a showroom and offices.

Officers found the project would not provide a high residential density and it could be supported by the existing water structure and road network. Their recommendation for approval will go to full council.

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The proposed development for the Gold Coast Hospital site in Southport. Supplied by Gold Coast City Council

"The proposed mix of land uses are considered to enhance the activity levels sought within the CBD as uses such as the theatre and food and drink outlets are permitted to run late into the night," the officer's report said



🗅 Long grass at the old Hospital site in Southport. Picture: Jerad Williams

The development would increase the number of visitors to nearby Chinatown and provide a plaza area just next to light rail.