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A once-in-a-generation development will begin today with the Queensland Government inviting expressions of interest for the **sale** of the former **Gold Coast Hospital site**. Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning Jeff Seeney said redevelopment of the **site** would breathe new life into central Southport. Today's announcement presents a rare opportunity for a **company** to acquire a 3.4 hectare **site** and create a vibrant new precinct in the heart of Southport, Mr Seeney said. Our government is determined to make the best use of state land, whether it be offering land to community groups for charitable purposes or to private parties with the financial capacity to revitalise sites. We also pledged to deliver better planning and last year, in conjunction with council, we declared central Southport a Priority Development Area to streamline the approvals processes and fast-track development.

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I anticipate this opportunity will attract strong competition from the private sector and generate new construction jobs for the **Gold Coast**. I look forward to seeing this **property** jewel transformed into an exciting hub for the Southport community. Assistant Minister for Planning and Member for Southport Rob Molhoek said Savills Australia had been appointed to run the marketing and Expression of Interest campaign, which will begin with advertisements from tomorrow. In order to provide the best possible options to market, this large development **site** has approval to be subdivided in three lots with an internal road, Mr Molhoek said. It is being offered for **sale** as one parcel or any combination of its three subdivided lots. The Priority Development Area plan supports a mix of uses, unlimited height and provides flexibility and innovation to private parties wanting to invest in this iconic piece of **property**. It is perfectly positioned to capitalise on more than \$3 **billion** in infrastructure spending underway in Southport, including the development of the new **Gold Coast University Hospital**, the **Gold Coast Rapid Transit system**, the Commonwealth Games and the new **China Town Precinct**. As a maturing city, this tremendous opportunity to shape the Southport CBD is open to all and I encourage proponents to submit their visions for this **site**. The **site** features three street frontages with easy access to major roads. A station of the new **Gold Coast Rapid Transit light rail system**, linking Southport with major centres on the **Gold Coast**, is directly adjacent to the **site**. Work is underway to demolish buildings on the **site**, with work scheduled to be completed next year, ensuring the **property** will be **sold** as a cleared development **site**. **Gold Coast** community members had their say on the Priority Development Area's development scheme from April-May this year. Expressions of interest will close at 4pm on Friday, 7 November.

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