

# DELIVERING INNOVATIVE AND COST-EFFECTIVE PPF SOLUTIONS



Silver Thomas Hanley Design Inc – Lead Architects for HYLIC Joint Venture

EC Harris provided healthcare planning support to SA Health Partnership (comprising Hansen Yuncken and Leightons Contractors, Macquarie Capital and Spotless FM Services), which was recently selected as the preferred proponent for the New Royal Adelaide Hospital.

This is one of the most significant hospitals to be procured under Australia’s Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiative. Once complete it will have 800 beds and 40 multi-purpose interventional suites.

EC Harris was appointed to work with the consortium, to bring experience of UK PFI to the emerging Australian PPP market.

## Creating solutions

The brief from the end client (the government of South Australia) was ambitious and EC Harris’ role was to ensure that the consortium exceeded the state’s aspirations to deliver a winning solution.

Australian briefs tend to be more prescriptive than those in other countries, such as the UK, but the challenges of creating an innovative and efficient solution within affordability parameters is universal.

Initially, it was vital for the firm to ensure that the state’s brief was interpreted correctly by the consortium and to provide an operational and cost effective solution that met all the client and end-user requirements. The next stage was to ensure innovation was embraced throughout the process.

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This was achieved through detailed analysis of the state’s brief and the organisation of a number of high profile presentations and workshop sessions with clinical user groups, to establish patient needs.

The firm liaised closely with the architects and other stakeholders to ensure that the results from these sessions translated into the design process and would ultimately lead to better healthcare outcomes.

### Adding value

EC Harris’ extensive international sector knowledge and experience of delivering PPP/PFIs across the world ensured the consortium had the best possible advice on how to organise the proposed hospital.

The firm worked with the consortium to provide optimum operational efficiency and use of space. The development of detailed patient journeys through the hospital helped to illustrate the design’s effectiveness in the use of resources and attention to clinical priorities.

SA Health Partnership was successfully selected as preferred proponent in December 2010.

EC Harris played an integral role in the successful bid process and anticipates working with the consortium post financial close.

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