

The NSW Government has committed \$72.2 million to build a Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) Research and Pilot Manufacturing Facility at Macquarie University's Wallumattagal Campus, as part of a total \$95.8 million commitment to the facility. A further \$119 million has been announced over 10 years for RNA research and development initiatives.

The development application has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment and is on public exhibition until 5 October 2023.

View the plans to have your say: [planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/rna-pilot-research-and-manufacturing-facility](https://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/rna-pilot-research-and-manufacturing-facility)

## Frequently asked questions

### What will the new facility include?

The new facility, which will include laboratories and other support spaces, will be the only site in Australia where a wide range of new and existing RNA therapeutics will be produced. Therapies will include vaccines as well as treatments for rare diseases in both people and animals.

### Why do we need an RNA research and pilot manufacturing facility?

The RNA Research and Pilot Manufacturing Facility is the first opportunity for RNA therapeutics to be tested and manufactured locally. This will reduce Australia's reliance on international supply and provide patients with faster access to new therapies for hard-to-treat diseases such as cancer and rare genetic disorders. There is also potential to attract global investment to Australia and increase the number of local jobs.

### Where will the facility be located?

The RNA Research and Pilot Manufacturing Facility will be located at Macquarie University's Wallumattagal Campus, on the corner of Culloden and Gymnasium Roads in the Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District. The Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District is one of Australia's leading science innovation districts, with access to world-class medical research, health services, medical manufacturing expertise, intellectual property and infrastructure.

### When will construction start?

Construction is expected to start in early-mid 2024, subject to approval of the state significant development application.

### When will the RNA Research and Pilot Manufacturing Facility be completed?

The facility is expected to be completed and operational in 2025.

### How can I contact the project team?

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our project team via [hi-rna@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hi-rna@health.nsw.gov.au). For an interpreter, call **131 450** and ask them to call **02 9978 5402**.

