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RAMSAY HEALTH CARE LIMITED WITHDRAWS FROM BERWICK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PROJECT

Ramsay Health Care Limited, one of Australia's leading private health care providers, today announced it has withdrawn from the Berwick Community Hospital Project.

"The withdrawal from the project is in line with the company's plan to focus on its existing operations, recent start-ups and current projects," Ramsay Health Care Limited Managing Director, Mr Patrick Grier said.

"The current health care environment necessitates that Ramsay Health Care concentrate on the existing Mildura project and on increasing the profitability of our two new co-located hospitals.

"Over recent months Ramsay Health Care has been working closely with the Victorian Government to ensure the success of the Mildura project, which is proceeding on time and due to open in late 2000," he said.

The Berwick Community Hospital project involved the building, owning and operating of a public hospital in Berwick, Victoria. Ramsay Health Care was announced as the Preferred Tenderer in April 1999.

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