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## HOSPITAL SITE LIKELY TO STAY

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**It is now almost certain the Government will rebuild the Sydney Eye Hospital on its present site at Woolloomooloo.**

**THE** Government will not make its decision until the return from overseas of the Minister for Health (Mr. Jago).

A Cabinet sub-committee has suggested four possible sites for a new eye hospital.

These sites are all in the area of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown.

This has been disclosed in a confidential letter from the sub-committee to the Sydney Hospital Board, which administers Sydney Eye Hospital.

### Separate

The board does not want the Government to take the eye hospital out of the inner city area or separate it from Sydney Hospital.

The board has opposed a proposal announced in 1968 to move the eye hospital to Camperdown.

There it would be adjacent to the campus of Sydney University and close to RPA.

The Sydney Hospital Board attitude has been —and is believed still to be — that the eye hospital should be rebuilt on its present site or alongside a new Sydney Hospital on an inner-city site.

The Cabinet sub-committee's proposal would give a new eye hospital at Camperdown an autonomous board.

It was learned yesterday Cabinet Ministers are having second thoughts about this proposal.

The City Council works committee has voted in favor of reconstructing the Eye Hospital on its present site at a cost of \$3.5 million.

The application to the council was from a firm of architects acting on behalf of Sydney Hospital.

The new hospital in the application would have eight storeys and a frontage to Sir John Young Crescent.

The proposal put to City Council is that the work be carried out in five stages over a number of years.