



Radiotherapy Facility

Western Health is the pre-eminent provider of health services in the western metropolitan region of Melbourne. Fast becoming known as a vibrant progressive organisation focused on achieving excellence in patient care, Western Health serves one of the most multicultural regions of Melbourne and offers an extensive range of health services to a population of approximately 650,000 people.

The 2008-09 State Budget continues the Government's commitment to providing the infrastructure needed to support the delivery of high quality and accessible health services to the people of the West.

Western Health has been allocated \$73.5m to provide for capital redevelopment of the Sunshine Hospital site in the 08/09 Budget.

The funding will assist Western Health deliver safe and effective patient care to one of the fastest growing health catchments in Australia.

The redevelopment will include a teaching, training and research facility known as TTR West, radiotherapy services and there are plans for a later addition of an inpatient building.

Radiotherapy Services Fast Facts

- A new public radiotherapy facility will be the first in Melbourne's West, reducing the need for public patients to have to travel to the city or Geelong for radiotherapy treatment
- Up to 900 patients per year will be treated when the facility becomes operational in 2011
- These new public services will be provided in conjunction with the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- Capital costs are \$40.5m and include four bunkers, two of which will house linear accelerators in the first instance, with another two linear accelerators coming on line over time to meet growing demand.