

Media Release



Western Health

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Western Health welcomes commitment to planning funds

Western Health has welcomed a commitment made by the Coalition today, to provide funding for planning for health infrastructure in the West.

“It is gratifying to see the announcement from the Coalition that, if re-elected, they will invest \$5 million to plan for the future of health services in Melbourne’s West,” Chief Executive, Associate Professor Alex Cockram said today.

“With need for health infrastructure in the West now at such critical levels, it is essential that we are able to continue to work towards its development.

“Western Health is committed to supporting every effort to develop better services for its patients and communities, including through involvement in a potential public private partnership,”

Western Health and its neighbouring health services, Mercy Werribee and Djerriwarrh Health Service, provide healthcare to the fastest growing region in Australia.

Earlier this year, Western Health released information relating to the need for \$550 million to address critical infrastructure issues across its Sunshine and Footscray campuses, including a new Women’s and Children’s Centre at Sunshine; a new Emergency Department at Footscray and the demolition and reconstruction of the south block of Footscray Hospital.

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