

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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\$250m redevelopment for bigger and better Queen Elizabeth Hospital

A larger, new state-of-the-art emergency department, operating theatre and day surgery suite will be built at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) as part of a \$250 million investment towards stage three of the hospital's redevelopment.

The 2017-18 State Budget will also fund new outpatient and medical imaging services, while the State's most advanced brain and spinal injury rehabilitation services will be established at the western suburbs hospital.

Cardiac services will remain at the QEH, along with respiratory and cancer services.

The commitment is part of a \$1.1 billion investment in public hospitals in the 2017-18 State Budget.

This means patients living in Adelaide's west will have access to the best emergency, surgical, medical and rehabilitation services in a first-class, modern hospital setting.

More than 780 full time equivalent South Australian jobs will be supported during stage three of the redevelopment with construction to start in early 2019.

Background

Between 2002 and 2016, the State Government invested \$136 million to redevelop the QEH.

This has funded new inpatient facilities, an older patient mental health facility, a new renal dialysis unit, modern haematology and oncology services, a new research building and a multi-storey car park.

A new \$3 million short-stay mental health unit, providing faster access to care, is also being purpose built at the hospital and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2017.

Today's announcement of a further \$250 million dollars, combined with an existing \$22.4 million in capital budget, brings the State Government's total investment in the hospital to almost \$400 million.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jay Weatherill

We're building a bigger and better Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

This \$250 million redevelopment will deliver state-of-the-art facilities for the people of the west.

We're retaining existing services and we're adding even more services such as brain and spinal injury rehabilitation.

This is what Labor does. Public health care is one of Labor's great policy projects.

Indeed, since 2002 this State Labor Government has invested nearly \$400 million in the QEH.

Quotes attributable to Health Minister Jack Snelling

Our \$250 million commitment to modernise and expand the Queen Elizabeth Hospital is on top of more than \$130 million already invested in this critical hospital over the past 15 years.

The redevelopment of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital will provide modern, world-class facilities for all western suburbs residents, as well as patients who need access to the most advanced specialised rehabilitation services in the state.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital plays a vital role in our health system, providing world-class facilities for residents in Adelaide's western suburbs, and important specialist services for the wider community.

Quotes attributable to Associate Professor Dr Ruth Marshall, Medical Director, South Australian Spinal Cord Injury Service

This major investment will significantly boost our existing specialist rehabilitation services and secures the Queen Elizabeth Hospital as a leading-edge care provider within South Australia.

These new services will ensure we continue to provide high quality health services, while also continuing to grow and develop leading-edge care pathways.

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