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Subject: Re: Update and clarification on PBT [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Thanks

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On 18 Feb 2026, at 5:39 pm, s47F
 s47F @health.gov.au> wrote:

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teams invite sent hope all can attend.

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That works for me

Kind regards

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Any days work best? Monday am perhaps?

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Hi s47F

Thanks for the note.

The reference in Senate estimates is to correspondence between Min Butler and SA Treasurer.

I can join a virtual meeting next week to discuss.

Rgds

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Dear s47F

I hope you are well.

I am writing to clarify a point raised in Senate Estimates on 16 February in which Senator Ruston asked a question about proton therapy. At around 8:39:29 in the hearing (link below), the suggestion was made that the Commonwealth is still awaiting South Australia to progress matters to the Commonwealth.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8Bzz_dH4RU

Our understanding was that there was no such outstanding requirement on the State to refer the matter to the Commonwealth. To

ensure we have a correct and shared understanding, could you please clarify:

- Whether the Commonwealth does, in fact, consider that it is awaiting any specific action or referral from the South Australian Government in relation to proton therapy (or associated approvals/funding pathways)?
- If there are particular expectations or steps that the Commonwealth believes are outstanding, what these are specifically.

We would really appreciate the opportunity as clinicians to meet up with you again over Teams/Zoom to discuss this. Would you be free sometime this week or next?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Regards,

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From: Minister Butler
Sent: Tuesday, 24 February 2026 9:14 AM
To: s47F
Subject: FW: A7749982 - Letter to the Hon Mark Butler MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47F

Please see attached, received to the public inbox late last week. I will send this for an M response, but let me know if you want anything else done with it.

Thanks

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Subject: A7749982 - Letter to the Hon Mark Butler MP

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Good morning

Please find attached correspondence from the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Mining.

Regards

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The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP



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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter dated 8 December 2025, regarding the Commonwealth Government's approach for a national proton therapy service.

As you are aware, the South Australian Government has committed significant resources to support a national proton therapy service in South Australia, including most recently supporting the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) navigate the challenges arising from the previous supplier's failure to deliver against contracted obligations, and identifying and assessing alternative options for a future proton therapy service.

In responding to your request that the South Australian (SA) Government reconsider its financial contribution to the project, I would like to update you on several important matters.

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A new national proton therapy project in the Bragg Centre

It remains the SA Government's position that utilisation of the completed, purpose-built clinical facility in the ABC is the fastest path to bringing lifesaving proton therapy treatment capability to Australia.

Proton therapy in the ABC also avoids duplication of building infrastructure in other locations, so is also likely to be the most cost-efficient solution, enabling financial resources to be directed towards the procurement and commissioning of required system infrastructure.

The capability in SA to deliver this project is also recognised nationally and delivery by an SA Government entity meets the Commonwealth Government's previously indicated preferred governance model. A proton therapy project at the ABC can also support treatment of the widest range of cancer types, including paediatric cancers, and will therefore result in the greatest public benefit compared with more narrow proton therapy clinical concepts elsewhere in Australia.

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Closing

I would like to confirm that the SA Government remains committed to the delivery of a national proton therapy initiative in the ABC bunker but recognises that such a national initiative, serving a national patient cohort, is reliant on the Commonwealth Government funding for the project.

While I acknowledge that the Commonwealth Government has a range of issues to consider, it would be desirable for all involved, including clinicians working on the project, to have clarity on a way forward as soon as possible. At a minimum, this would require the Commonwealth identify a mechanism for funding lifecycle costs.

Representatives from the Department of Treasury and Finance are available to engage with Commonwealth officials to ensure any work South Australia has undertaken to support a national proton therapy service is made available for consideration. The scoping and planning work of officials is able to continue to occur through the forthcoming caretaker period, as appropriate.

We look forward to working with the Commonwealth Government to advance the national proton therapy initiative at the ABC.

Yours sincerely



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Treasurer

19 / 02 / 2026

cc: Hon Chris Picton MP, Minister for Health and Wellbeing

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From: s47F
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2026 3:59 PM
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Subject: s47F . Proton therapy

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Hi Mark,

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

We attended head to the hill recently and thank you for your speech.

Whilst you mentioned how we are, as a nation, moving towards trying to find innovating ways to cure the incurable diseases.

Where in the world is our Proton machine, a known treatment modality which is proven.

We don't want to hear the diatribe that "it's a state issue" anymore.

We don't want to hear what has been a failed investment at the Bragg centre of \$67mil of federally invested money.

We absolutely are failing our sick children.

It's nothing short of sending cows to the slaughter by continuing to radiate young children who have good survival rates with traditional 1970's radiation. Never finishing school, draining an already stretched NDIS system, making sure they will never contribute back into the tax system because of the irreversible damage done from treatment.

Our boy ,who was only 5 when diagnosed, now has the chance to complete school, finish university and contribute back into society because we had to take matters into our own hands and head to the USA.

The time for action is absolutely now.

If it was your child/niece/nephew and you had to walk the road we just did, you would be so disappointed in the health system and completely calling for change.

It is simply not good enough for there to not be a clear action plan to bring a machine online in Australia ASAP.

I'd love to hear it explained to the public how out of 40 countries, and over 100 machines worldwide, as early as the 1990's, your government does not still see this as a matter of FEDERAL URGENCY to have this available for our specialists to use in Australia for our sickest of children.

We will not stop writing and calling until we hear a clear and prioritised plan from our federal minister on the matter.

Kindest Regards,

s47F

Father of s47F, medulloblastoma survivor, now 7 years old pictured below with his 2 younger brothers

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To: [Minister Butler](#)
Subject: Correspondence from the Minister for Health and Minister for Regional Health - M25/8559
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Please find attached a response to your Ministerial correspondence

Yours sincerely

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The Hon Mark Butler MP
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Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme
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Proton beam therapy capability in NSW

Dear Minister 

Thank you for writing about establishing proton beam therapy (PBT) capability in NSW.

I acknowledge the Australian Government's advocacy on this matter, and previous contribution to support PBT establishment in South Australia.

NSW Health is committed to working with the Australian Government to improve health outcomes for people living with cancer.

I am advised that the previous proposal for a hybrid (proton and carbon ion) particle therapy and research facility at Westmead did not progress due to the high cost and uncertain utilisation.

NSW Health is coordinating a comprehensive Health Technology Assessment (HTA) on particle therapy. This work will be led by the University of Sydney as an independent evaluator and is expected to be completed by 31 December 2026. An Expert Advisory Group (EAG) is being established to provide guidance, support and oversight of the HTA.

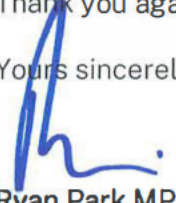
The HTA will build on work completed by SAX Institute and Medical Services Advisory Committee, evaluating the clinical benefits of particle therapy, including proton beam and carbon ions, compared to conventional radiotherapy.

It will provide information on the clinical efficacy, safety, cost-effectiveness and economic impact of particle therapy in the context of NSW and the overall cancer treatment landscape.

I am advised that the HTA will inform NSW's policy position on particle therapy, guiding research, clinical care, infrastructure and investment decisions in the context of broader cancer service planning. Until the final report is completed, NSW Health has no active plans for establishing a PBT facility.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely


Ryan Park MP
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From: s47F
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Subject: Australia doesn't have a Cancer treatment available in Singapore
Date: Sunday, 29 March 2026 2:56:05 PM

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Hello Mr Mark butler.

My partner has stage 4 ovarian cancer. She recently stopped chemo therapy and will soon start a chemotherapy that is basically "maintenance". Although this could possibly help we feel we are at the end of the road for promising treatments in Adelaide, South Australia. While looking at treatments elsewhere we felt the most promising for her situation is a proton radiation therapy available in Singapore, and as far as I know nowhere else. Basically \$110000 would be required to do 1 round of this treatment and clearly would be very difficult financially and logistically. Especially for middle class people like ourselves. Mr Butler can you please look into bringing this therapy into Australia, although I understand this could be difficult and take time.. it would be wonderful to have cutting edge technology in Australia and the ability to help future generations. Thankyou for taking the time to read my email,

Regards

s47F from Adelaide south Australia.

Contact:

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Regards

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Dear Minister

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF FUNDING TO THE AUSTRALIAN BRAGG CENTRE FOR PROTON THERAPY RESEARCH

Further to my letter of 19 February 2026, I am writing to update you on matters associated with the Australian Bragg Centre for Proton Therapy and Research (ABCPTR) and seek your agreement to extend the current interim funding arrangements for the ABCPTR, until 30 June 2027.

As you are aware, on 16 May 2024 and 25 February 2025, the former Treasurer, the Hon Stephen Mullighan MP, wrote to you seeking to apply a portion of unused grant monies from the *Project Agreement for Proton Beam Facility*, to fund the continuation of ABCPTR's activities to 30 June 2026, which was subsequently supported by you.

This was done in recognition of there being a significant investment in nation-leading clinical expertise assembled in Adelaide to deliver the project, the retention of which was seen as critical to de-risk any future project in SA. It also enabled continuing the important work of the clinical team which undertakes the bulk of comparative planning for proton therapy treatment under the Commonwealth Government's Medical Treatment Overseas Program (MTOP).

It was anticipated that there would be further direction about an alternative national proton therapy project by this time. However, we understand that this is still under consideration by the Commonwealth Government. The South Australian Government is prepared to continue to support ABCPTR while the Commonwealth Government considers its preferred approach to proton therapy going forward. Consistent with recent arrangements, I seek your approval to release further unused funds (currently \$11.18 million) from the Commonwealth Grant to extend ABCPTR funding a further 12 months.

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Accordingly, the ABCPTR 2026-27 Draft Budget (refer attached) does not seek funding for these items, but seeks only the continuation of core staff and operating costs related to proton therapy.

The 2026-27 Draft Budget includes the cost of the clinical team (largely fractional appointments of staff employed substantively in the local health network in SA) and two FTE involved in the planning and delivery of the previous project which hold critical corporate knowledge.

I also propose the inclusion of the following items:

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and I propose to enter a grant agreement for \$2.5 million with ABCPTR to carefully monitor its funding requirements in this period.

The grant agreement will be managed by the SA Government and will necessarily require some flexibility to deal with the uncertainty of ABCPTR's continuation and whether future decision may be reached to deliver a national proton therapy project in the ABC. For example, in the event there is a decision to establish a national proton therapy project in another state, ABCPTR will be wound up resulting in savings.

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A summary of the 2026-27 Draft Budget is attached to this letter.

I trust that the continuation of the existing funding mechanism for ABCPTR is a modest and low-cost way to retain critical capability in South Australia, to continue the delivery of services as part of the Commonwealth Government's MTOP program, and de-risk any future national project in SA, through the retention of key staff.

I look forward to your confirmation of this approach and continuing to work with your Government to pursue a national proton therapy project in South Australia.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Treasurer

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Att: ABCPTR 2026-27 Draft Budget

CC: Hon Blair Boyer MP, SA Minister for Health and Wellbeing Minister.Boyer@sa.gov.au

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Cheers s47F



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Subject: RE: SAHMRI meeting request re proton therapy update - Senator Marielle Smith [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47F and s47F

In addition to the points provided by our office last year, I can confirm the Commonwealth continues to work with South Australia to progress this important treatment pathway.

There has been engagement with Victoria on the potential for the therapy to be delivered out of that state, however we are yet to receive a proposal from the Victorian Government. At this time South Australia remains as the most likely option for delivery. Our department will provide further advice to Minister Butler as discussions and engagement progresses.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: SAHMRI meeting request re proton therapy update - Senator Marielle Smith

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Hi s47F

FYI some more context if it's useful – I dug up the advice we got from Min Butler's office last year, when Marielle met with s47F in June (see below). I don't have a meeting scheduled yet, if we do have one it won't be until after budget week.

Advice from MO:

- Proton therapy is an important cancer treatment, particularly for children, and potentially for adults in future.
- Many countries, including Australia, are working to incorporate proton therapy into their health systems.
- Australia's first proton therapy unit, planned for South Australia, has faced significant contract issues going back several years.
- Cancer Australia has been directed to coordinate with all jurisdictions and provide advice to health ministers, especially the Commonwealth, on next steps.
- The South Australian Government is leading efforts to explore sourcing a different unit from another supplier, given existing sunk capital and purpose-built infrastructure.
- Currently, children needing proton therapy are being sent overseas for treatment, often to the United States, with Commonwealth funding.
- The government is working to keep this overseas treatment program as flexible as possible for families.
- The federal government is working closely with South Australia to deliver a proton therapy unit in Australia as soon as possible.

Thanks,

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Hi s47F

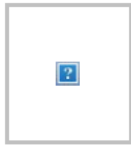
Thank you for taking my call, as per our discussion please find below a meeting request with Director of SAHMRI re: Proton Therapy project. Senator Marielle would like some advice ahead of the meeting regarding where the funding is at, governments position on this project and if there are anything that Senator should know.

I have liaised with s47F and there is no meeting date at this stage.

Looking forward to your assistance and much appreciated.

Regards,

s47F

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Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2026 12:21 PM
To: s47F (Sen M. Smith) s47F @aph.gov.au>
Subject: SAHMRI meeting request re proton therapy update

Good afternoon s47F

I am following up a meeting request from Prof Maria Makrides, Executive Director of SAHMRI to meet with Senator Marielle Smith in the near future to give a briefing on the proton therapy project.

Could you advise if this is possible and when the Senator would be available to meet?

Thanks & regards

Sharon

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From: Maria Makrides s47F @sahmri.com>
Date: Thursday, 5 March 2026 at 9:41 am
To: Smith, Marielle (Private) <marielle.smith@aph.gov.au>, s47F (Sen M. Smith) s47F
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Cc: Maria Makrides s47F @sahmri.com>, Sharon Macgowan s47F @sahmri.com>, s47F

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Subject: SAHMRI and ABCPTR meeting request re proton therapy update

Dear Marielle

Further to our meeting in June last year, we would like to invite you a meeting where we can provide a briefing on the proton therapy project.

We would be pleased to meet at SAHMRI or your office.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Maria

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-----Original Message-----

From: s47F

Sent: Monday, 25 May 2026 10:00 AM

To: s47F @Health.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Hoping for another meeting with Minister Butler

FYI

These are the SA cancer clinicians who want an update on proton beam therapy

s47F is aware they are chasing a meeting in EO

We are waiting on a formal response from Vic Govt on their PBT plans

Let me know what min wants to do

Thanks s47F

-----Original Message-----

From: s47F

Sent: Saturday, 23 May 2026 11:18 AM

To: Minister Butler <Minister.Butler@Health.gov.au>; Mark.Butler.MP@aph.gov.au

Cc: s47F @Health.gov.au>; s47F

s47F

Subject: Re: Hoping for another meeting with Minister Butler

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Hello Minister and team.

We continue to seek some time to discuss all below.

We appreciate how busy are but surely given the growing costs of MTOP and need to find savings on NDIS should push to prioritize the completion and opening of the Bragg centre.

Thanks in advance again.

Best

s47F

Sent from my iPhone

> On 15 May 2026, at 4:37 pm, s47F wrote:

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> Hello Minister Butler and team.

> I appreciate that budget week is busy, and am sure lots of queries around health spending in past week, but very keen to catch up as below and now been a week without any follow up.

> Thanks in advance your consideration of a meeting to review progress and timelines for Australia.

> Best

> s47F

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>> On 8 May 2026, at 9:16 am, s47F wrote:

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>> Hello team

>> I am hopeful our team could please arrange another meeting with Minister Butler in his offices.

>> As a citizen of Minister Butler's district I am growing in my concern on the delays around proton therapy.

>> I am aware of a near 20mUSD bill for proton therapy overseas to date this year that could more than pay for the upkeep and running of the ABCPTR. I am also well aware of the massive overspend that is growing on the NDIS that Minister Butler is trying to reign in. As we have discussed previously, a real savings is available by adopting to the current best treatment for children being proton radiotherapy to improve the number of patients long term dependent on the NDIS to minimise the burden not only on families and tax payers.

>> The constant delays, and waiting will only continue to push up the number of patients dependent on the health and disability system long term.

>> If we could please find some time in his busy calendar when in his Adelaide offices it would be much appreciated

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>> Thanks

>> s47F

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