



## Fighting Cancer – additional infrastructure and services

The Government will invest \$70.8 million in vital infrastructure and services to support Australians who are fighting cancer. Rural and regional Australians will benefit from \$45.5 million in funding for new regional cancer treatment centres. Further investments include \$6 million to the world-class cancer treatment centre Chris O'Brien Lifehouse to support the work of the sarcoma surgical research centre. Cancer patients living on the Mornington Peninsula, VIC, will be better supported with a new, purpose-built comprehensive cancer and rehabilitation centre. People living on the Sunshine Coast, QLD, will also be able to continue to receive world-class care and support from Bloomhill Cancer Care.

### Why is this important?

Investing in critical infrastructure and services ensures that Australians receive the highest quality care in first-rate facilities. Investment in comprehensive cancer treatment centres means patients can access a range of services they need in one place. This can help to minimise the stress and anxiety felt during this time.

Cancer patients in rural and regional areas can experience difficulties in accessing treatment close to home. This supports access to vital cancer services when and where people need it.

### Who will benefit?

People living with a cancer diagnosis in these areas will benefit from these services.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$70.8 million from 2018–19 to 2024–25.