



Supporting our Hospitals – Community Health and Hospitals Program

The Government will invest \$1.25 billion in local services, infrastructure projects and programs under the landmark Community Health and Hospitals Program (CHHP). The CHHP will tackle pressing health issues by addressing local service gaps and funding new and existing facilities. The Government will partner with communities, states and territories, health and hospital services and research institutions to provide additional funding in four key areas – specialist hospital services such as cancer treatment, rural health and hospital infrastructure; drug and alcohol treatment; preventive, primary and chronic disease management; and mental health. Projects will be delivered through Primary Health Networks, targeted grant funding, and transfer payments to states and territories. They will include projects that align with priorities identified by Primary Health Networks and states and territories. Projects include the Comprehensive Children’s Cancer Centre, Sydney Children’s Hospital, NSW; Peter MacCallum Centre of Excellence in Cellular Immunotherapy, VIC; James Cook University – Cairns Tropical Enterprise Centre, QLD; improving outcomes for people with brain and spinal cord injuries and new inpatient and community services, QLD; Repatriation Hospital Hampstead Campus – Brain and Spinal Centre, SA; Peel Health Campus, WA; new linear accelerator for the North West Cancer Centre, TAS; Ambulatory Care Centre, Alice Springs Hospital, NT; and expanding the intensive care unit at Canberra Hospital, ACT. This complements record hospitals funding and the \$1.1 billion ‘Strengthening Primary Care’ package.

Why is this important?

The CHHP will better equip the health and hospitals system to meet on-the-ground needs and close identified gaps in service delivery, improving access to hospital and community health services. This supports the Government’s commitment to ensuring access to health care, when and where people need it.

Who will benefit?

The Australian community will benefit from a range of new and improved health services, projects and programs that address local needs and fill critical service gaps.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$1.25 billion.