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Major hospital upgrades in Adelaide's north and south

The State Government will invest \$56 million over four years in modern emergency departments and new operating theatres, as hospitals in Adelaide's north and south benefit from the State Government's largest ever investment in suburban hospitals.

More than 180 full-time equivalent jobs are expected to be supported during the redevelopment and construction stages of upgrades at the Lyell McEwin Hospital and the Flinders Medical Centre.

Flinders Medical Centre will cement its reputation as the centre for complex care in Adelaide's south with an investment of \$3.5 million to create two additional operating theatres, taking the number of theatres available from 10 to 12.

The Lyell McEwin Hospital will receive \$52.5 million to create a bigger, world-class emergency department that meets the needs of the growing population in the northern suburbs.

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

Background

Between 2002 and 2016, the State Government has invested \$314 million to upgrade the Lyell McEwin Hospital and \$378.5 million to expand and improve facilities at Flinders Medical Centre.

Construction is expected to begin mid next year at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

The current works at Flinders Medical Centre, including the new palliative care unit, state-of-the-art rehabilitation centre, and multi-storey car park are expected to be finished later this year.

SA Health is also investing \$3 million from existing resources to expand the Emergency Department at Flinders Medical Centre, ensuring state-of-the-art emergency care is provided our ever-growing Southern suburbs.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jay Weatherill

We are undertaking a record investment in our metropolitan hospitals, and the Lyell McEwin and Flinders Medical Centre are at the heart of public health care for people of the north and the south.

The opening of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital marks a turning point in our modernisation of South Australia's health system. All hospitals now have developed centres of excellence for medical care and operate as part of a network providing high-level clinical outcomes.

As we reach the end of the reform phase, we are now able to invest in our suburban hospital networks.

These investments in the north and the south, along with our commitments to Modbury and the QEH, are all about modernising our hospitals to ensure South Australians receive world-class health care.

Quotes attributable to Health Minister Jack Snelling

Over recent years as we have invested in health services in the north, the Lyell McEwin Hospital emergency department has had significant increases in presentations.

This is why we are making this substantial investment in the Lyell McEwin Hospital to expand the emergency department, to make certain the facilities continue to respond to the needs of the community.

These investments in our hospitals will complement the opening of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital to ensure modern, world-class hospital services across the metropolitan area.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

As part of the largest ever investments in our health system, we are committing \$56 million to modernise and expand the Lyell McEwin Hospital and Flinders Medical Centre.

The health services provided by the Lyell McEwin Hospital and Flinders Medical Centre are critical to their local communities.

These investments will ensure that some of our busiest metropolitan hospitals will provide modern, world-class facilities for patients living in the north, north east and south.

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