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EARLY DESIGNS FOR STATE-OF-THE-ART LOGISTICS CENTRE

The Andrews Labor Government is a step closer to delivering the \$384 million redevelopment of Warrnambool Base Hospital, with plans for a new off-site supply and logistics centre well underway.

Minister for Health Martin Foley today released early designs of the new Regional Logistics Distribution Centre (RLDC), which will support more than 50 health providers across Western Victoria.

The state-of-the-art centre will include a modern healthcare supplies warehouse, as well as a commercial laundry and linen service - freeing up space at the Warrnambool Base Hospital for construction of the planned multi-level hospital tower.

The early design of the RLDC on Cooper Street was led by architects Silver Thomas Hanley and engineering consultants Lehr Consultants International.

Construction of the RLDC is expected to start in late 2022, with early works on the main redevelopment beginning in early 2023 and major works starting in mid-2024.

The hospital redevelopment will deliver a new multi-level tower, providing a bigger emergency department, more operating theatres, an extra 22 inpatient beds and dedicated areas for pathology services and dialysis. A dedicated paediatric unit will provide specialised care to children and young people.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority, the redevelopment is expected to be finished in late 2026.

The Government has made unprecedented investments in Victoria's health system, with more than \$133 billion in funding since coming into office – ensuring all Victorians have access to the care, treatment and support they need to stay happy and healthy.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

"The redevelopment of Warrnambool Base Hospital is the biggest rural health infrastructure upgrade in Victoria and it is great to see this important part of the project progressing so well."

"This new state-of-the-art centre will provide valuable medical supply services and provide vital support to health services in Victoria's south west."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"This project will be an enormous boost for the community - providing job opportunities during construction and improving health outcomes long-term."