

# Media Release

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## MASSIVE NORTHERN HOSPITAL EXPANSION NOW UNDERWAY

Works have started on the Labor Government's massive redevelopment of the Northern Hospital – with stage one set to deliver a new Ambulatory Care Centre.

Premier Jacinta Allan, Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne and Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas today turned the first sod on the redevelopment, which will expand Victoria's busiest emergency department.

Expected to be complete in mid-2026, the new four-storey building will provide a dedicated space for outpatient and ambulatory services, clinical care and hospital administration – creating a central hub to support the needs of Melbourne's northern suburbs into the future.

Once the Ambulatory Care Centre is complete, stage two will deliver a new emergency department and inpatient unit tower, including a dedicated paediatric zone, a specialised mental health and AOD hub, new inpatient units, an emergency observation unit and more car parks.

The redevelopment will expand and improve facilities to include almost 200 treatment spaces, and support 30,000 more emergency patients each year and ensure families in Melbourne's growing northern suburbs can access the care they need, close to home.

The \$813 million Northern Hospital redevelopment is expected to be complete in 2029 and both stages are set to create up to 2,200 jobs during construction.

It's all part of the Labor Government's plan to ensure the state's busiest hospitals – also including the Austin Hospital and Monash Medical Centre – have the best infrastructure to continue providing world-class patient care and treatment.

These revamped hospitals will give growing communities better access to each hospital's emergency department, in-patient care, and dedicated wards for maternal and paediatric needs.

The Northern Hospital is also benefiting from recently completed upgrades to its endoscopy theatres and procedure rooms, made possible by a \$4.2 million investment from the Labor Government's Metropolitan Health Infrastructure Fund – enhancing patient safety and improving efficiency for faster care.

### Quote attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

*"Our massive upgrade of the Northern Hospital emergency department means local families will continue to get the best care and treatment – faster and closer to home."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

*"This is a significant investment in the future of healthcare for Melbourne's growing northern suburbs, delivering more care, closer to home."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

*"The Northern Hospital redevelopment is part of our ongoing investment to make sure our health services have the best space, facilities and equipment to deliver world-class care for every Victorian, when and where they need it."*

**Quote attributable to Member for Thomastown Bronwyn Halfpenny**

*"This expansion of the Northern Hospital is all about keeping up with the needs of our growing community."*

**Quote attributable to Member for Mill Park Lily D'Ambrosio**

*"Stage one of this redevelopment will play a key role in supporting northern suburbs families – delivering better care and creating good local jobs."*

**Quote attributable to Member for Yan Yean Lauren Kathage**

*"More and more families are moving into the northern suburbs every day – so we are expanding the Northern to give them the strong public services they deserve."*