

Media Release

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
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LABOR EXPANDS FREE WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE IN BENDIGO

The Allan Labor Government is making sure women get the health care they need – saving them time and money no matter where they live.

The Premier and Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards today visited the Bendigo Women's Health Clinic to announce an expansion to its services.

Since opening late last year, the clinic has already supported local women with specialist care for free, closer to home.

Services include gynaecology, colposcopy, cervical screenings, contraception, menopause and abortion care.

From this week, women will be able to access a dedicated women's health GP, a new menopause clinic and a specialised pelvic floor clinic.

Bendigo is one of 20 women's health clinics backed by Labor's landmark \$153 million women's health package.

The package is already transforming care through a regional mobile clinic, dedicated Aboriginal-led services, a virtual women's health clinic, sexual and reproductive hubs and the 20 clinics.

This includes 12 in regional communities where women have historically faced barriers to accessing specialist care.

Labor is delivering the care Victorian women deserve – making sure it's free, accessible and close to home.

Under Jess Wilson's Liberals – there will be only cuts to the health services women rely on.

To learn more or locate a local clinic, visit health.vic.gov.au/public-health/womens-health-wellbeing-program.

Quotes attributable to Premier and Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

"Only Labor will deliver the care Victorian women need – making sure it's free and close to home."

"We're backing Bendigo women with more specialist services because care should not depend on where you live."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Harriet Shing

"From the middle of Melbourne to the edges of our state we're building a healthcare system that works for all Victorian women."

"From menopause management to pelvic pain – this is about high-quality accessible care designed for women and delivered in their communities."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

"This is about making it easier for Bendigo women to book an appointment and get the health information they need close to home."

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