

Media Release

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MASSIVE DANDENONG HOSPITAL UPGRADE ON THE WAY

The Allan Labor Government is making life easier for families by delivering the best care closer to home.

Minister Horne today announced a massive \$305 million redevelopment of Dandenong Hospital.

It will deliver nine new operating theatres, a new Intensive Care Unit with 16 beds and an upgraded day surgery admissions space.

The existing Dandenong Hospital is currently one of the busiest in the state.

Once complete, it will expand bed capacity – delivering better and faster surgical care closer to home.

The modern facilities will also create more frontline jobs and support the hospital's existing, dedicated workforce.

It will also create hundreds of local jobs during construction.

Early work on the bigger and better hospital will start later this year.

Designs are currently being finalised and will incorporate expert advice from the hospital's clinicians.

Dandenong Hospital will remain operational throughout the redevelopment for continuity of patient care.

The Victorian Health Building Authority will work closely with Monash Health to minimise disruption.

The project is part of Labor's Hospital Infrastructure Delivery Fund.

The fund is currently supporting three major projects – the Northern Hospital redevelopment and Austin Hospital Emergency Department upgrade, and the Monash Medical Centre Tower expansion.

Only Labor invests in health, with 11 new hospitals now delivered right across the state.

You'll never see Jess Wilson and the Liberals building or opening new hospitals – only closing and cutting them.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"We're making sure it is easy for families in Melbourne's south east to get the care they need, closer to home."

"The bigger and better Dandenong Hospital will support the growing community for decades to come."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Harriet Shing

"Dandenong Hospital is one of the busiest in Victoria, so this is a critical upgrade to support our nurses and doctors."

"We have built and opened 11 new hospitals because it is only Labor who invests in a strong public health system."

Quote attributable to Member for Dandenong Gabrielle Williams

"This vital redevelopment will mean Dandenong locals can get the very best care without travelling far from home."

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