

Media Release

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WALKING NURSES THROUGH THE UPGRADED ALFRED

The Allan Labor Government is delivering a major upgrade to the Alfred – and the nurses and doctors who work there will help design it.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne today joined frontline workers to give them a life-sized look into Labor's \$292 million project.

Architectural plans were projected onto open floor space so staff could walk through their new working environment.

This gives frontline workers and clinicians a chance to see how teams will move and how patients will be treated.

By testing patient flow with beds and wheelchairs, workers are helping shape the final designs.

This upgrade will deliver new inpatient wards and Intensive Care Unit.

It will also upgrade critical systems and wards across the Main Ward Block.

Final designs of the upgrade are set to be completed later this year, and the project will be completed in 2030.

The project will make sure the Alfred can continue to deliver life saving work for generations to come.

Only Labor invests in health – we have built 11 new hospitals across Victoria.

Jess Wilson's Liberals will cut \$40 billion in services. That means cuts to hospitals, cuts to nurses, cuts to care.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"Labor is upgrading the Alfred – so the hardworking team there can keep delivering the best possible care."

"It's great to join doctors and nurses to test how these spaces will work, and to get the designs right."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Harriet Shing

"The design of our hospitals and health services is significantly improved where workers can suggest adjustments and changes at the design stage."

"The Alfred is one of our busiest hospitals and this process will help us to keep caring for more Victorians now and into the future."