

Flinders Medical Centre

A close-up portrait of a man with short, light brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red and blue striped tie. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is dark and out of focus, with some bokeh lights.

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Renewing Flinders Medical Centre

Foreword

A message from the Premier

At the 2002 State election, I committed Labor to the redevelopment of Royal Adelaide Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the Lyell McEwin Health Service.

Various stages of these works – Lyell McEwin Health Service Stage A, Royal Adelaide Hospital Stages 2 & 3, and Queen Elizabeth Hospital Stage 1 – were completed in 2004-05. In 2005-06, \$16.5 million was allocated to continue redevelopment works at these hospitals¹.

At the same time, the Government has funded initiatives at Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) to improve the accident and emergency department, and we have commenced major works at the three hospitals in the Southern Health Region.

These works include the 40-bed Margaret Tobin Mental Health Unit at the FMC (\$17 million), the new FMC car park (\$7.1 million), a 30-bed acute aged care mental health unit at the Repatriation and General Hospital (\$10.5 million), and a new acute adult mental health unit at Noarlunga Hospital (\$6.5 million).²

Flinders Medical Centre is now 30 years old, and population growth in southern Adelaide and the Fleurieu Peninsula has increased demand for its services.

The FMC's core facilities need to be refurbished and redeveloped to meet this demand, and to secure the hospital's future as the Southern Adelaide Region's major acute emergency and research facility into the 21st Century.

The redevelopment and refurbishment of Flinders Medical Centre, at a cost of \$145 million, is a key investment in meeting the future health needs of the south.

Mike Rann
Premier

¹ 2005/2006 Budget Paper 5

² 2005/2006 Budget Paper 5

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Better Health Care in the South

Our Achievements

During its first term, the Rann Government commissioned the Generational Review of the Health System (GHR). The review covered governance, acute and community-based services, regional resource allocation, community participation, reporting structures and quality measures.

The Government is now implementing the recommendations of the GHR. In our first term, we spent an additional \$912 million above inflation on health and hospitals, and we committed an extra \$501 million to capital works at our hospitals.

In the past four years, the number of people admitted for elective surgery has increased by 1873, compared with 2001-02.

We have employed 349 (145 full-time equivalent) more doctors, and 1349 (874 full-time equivalent) more nurses in the past three financial years.

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In May 2004, the Government announced \$30 million over four years to improve patient care in, and the performance of, the FMC's accident and emergency department.

This initiative included the employment of 18 extra permanent staff, including specialist doctors, nurses, social workers, and two additional security staff during afternoon and night shifts. It also included the development of a new, 20-bed, short-stay acute assessment unit – which is dedicated to patients who arrive with serious medical or surgical problems that require immediate investigation and assessment.

In June 2004, the Government pledged \$2.5 million to help the FMC establish a new Centre for Innovation in Cancer Prevention and Control.

The \$14.5 million centre – which is planned to combine innovative cancer research, patient care and prevention at the one site – will now be the target of a major capital fundraising campaign by the Flinders Medical Centre Foundation.

The Centre for Innovation in Cancer Prevention and Control complements the prevention emphasis of the Generational Health Review.

The State Government is always keen to engage in creative partnerships that have the goal of better health for all South Australians. We believe that

bringing cancer experts and researchers together on the one site, with carers, will make an enormous difference to how we tackle cancer.

Four other projects – costing a total of \$41.5 million and funded in the southern metropolitan region in the 2005-06 capital budget – include:

- \$12.1 million for the 40-bed Margaret Tobin Mental Health Unit at the FMC, at a total cost of \$17 million.
- \$6.6 million for a new FMC car park, at a total cost of \$7.1 million.
- \$8.8 million for a 30-bed acute aged care mental health unit at the Repatriation General Hospital, at a total cost of \$10.5 million.
- \$500,000 for the start of a new 35-bed acute adult mental health unit at Noarlunga Hospital, to be completed in 2008 at a total cost of \$6.5 million.

Our Strategy

Refurbishing and redeveloping Flinders Medical Centre

The southern region of Adelaide, including the Fleurieu Peninsula, has ageing health infrastructure, strong population growth and an ageing community.

Flinders Medical Centre, the southern Adelaide region's major acute emergency hospital, is now 30 years old, and population growth in the southern, outer southern and Fleurieu Peninsula regions has increased demand for its services.

A scoping study by the Southern Adelaide Health Service Regional Board puts the cost of refurbishment and redevelopment of the FMC in the order of \$145 million, with work extending over a period of ten years.

Over the next term, a re-elected Rann Government will embark on a ten-year plan to refurbish and redevelop Flinders Medical Centre.

The work will include refurbishment and redevelopment of operating theatres, the accident and emergency department, the helicopter pad, the acute assessment unit, and the cardiology unit. The work also will include an upgrade of wards, plant renewal, intensive care unit expansion, and a laboratory wing upgrade.

Major hospital redevelopment projects such as this have long lead times, and planning and design will take 18 months. Construction will be programmed to minimise disruption to hospital activities, and major expenditure will occur over several budget cycles.

Details of the consultation and design process, the preliminary timetable and estimates of cost, will be announced during the year.

The indicative budget for the first four years of the project is as follows:

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	4-year total
Capital	\$3m	\$8m	\$36m	\$36m	\$83m