

Media Release

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OPEN FOR MELTON HOSPITAL CONSORTIUM

The Andrews Labor Government has today opened expressions of interest for a consortium to deliver the design, construction, finance and maintenance of the new Melton Hospital.

The new hospital is being funded with more than \$900 million in the *Victorian Budget 2022/23* – supporting the growing and diverse community of Melbourne’s outer west and providing better healthcare closer to home.

The project will be Victoria’s first hospital to be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy – creating more than 2,400 jobs during construction.

The project will be delivered as a public-private partnership, providing 24/7 emergency care with at least 274 beds, an intensive care unit, maternity and neonatal services, mental health services, radiology services and outpatient care.

It will have capacity to treat 130,000 patients each year and see almost 60,000 patients in the emergency department alone.

The Labor Government is seeking candidates from suitably qualified and experienced consortia who have the vision and capability to deliver the landmark project.

Later this year, the shortlisted consortia will be invited to prepare detailed proposals to deliver the new hospital, before a preferred consortium is appointed and construction gets underway next year.

The community will continue to help shape this significant project for Melton. Chaired by Member for Melton, Steve McGhie, the Community Consultative Committee will meet for the first time in February and will continue to meet over the coming months to provide input to the hospital’s look, feel and community aspirations.

The project is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority, in partnership with Western Health, who will operate the hospital. Enabling construction works are underway and major construction is expected to start in 2024 and be finished in 2029.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

“We’re getting on with delivering a new 24-hour public hospital in Melton so locals can get the very best care, closer to home – when they need it most.”

“Melton is one of the fastest growing communities in Australia and that’s why we’re building a world-class hospital and finding the right consortium to get it done.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

“This landmark hospital will transform Melton and our surrounding suburbs, located close to public transport, the Western Freeway and recreational facilities – making it easier for patients to access.”

“I’m looking forward to working with our Community Consultative Committee to ensure this massive community asset reflects the needs and diversity of the outer western community it’s serving.”

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