



# Media Release

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### **Coalition confirms \$2.5 million for health services on Phillip Island in 2014-15 Budget**

The Coalition Government is supporting improved health facilities on Phillip Island by committing \$2.5 million for upgraded health infrastructure in the 2014-15 Budget.

This paves the way for existing and planned public health facilities to be expanded.

This is a terrific result for the community of Phillip Island, who will benefit significantly from improved health facilities and services.

It is now up to the community to work together to ensure this funding is used to create the best possible health outcomes.

During the months leading up to the 2007 Federal election, I worked closely with the Warley Hospital Board on a rescue plan that would have saved the hospital. Sadly, by the time the Board had prepared its application for funding from the Howard Government, an election had been called.

Nevertheless, we were still able to secure \$2.5 million to save the hospital but the incoming ALP Government reneged on the deal.

I am delighted that the Coalition Government is able to deliver on its promise to the people of Phillip Island and secure this vital funding in our first Budget. The funds will be made available in full in 2014-15.

After years of uncertainty, residents on Phillip Island can now be confident that the Coalition Government is doing its best to ensure a local combined health facility is developed on the Island.

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