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AMA (SA) Calls For	State Labor Commitment
<p>A new clinician led senate to provide independent health strategy and clinical advice directly to the Minister for Health</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government firmly believes that clinicians need to be engaged in the design and delivery of services within our health system.</p> <p>Labor is also firmly committed to continuous improvement to ensure we are able to deliver a contemporary high performing health system.</p> <p>We acknowledge that all clinicians should have the opportunity to provide feedback and cultivate ideas that add value to their workplace.</p> <p>As such, Labor is committed to establishing the appropriate processes and structures to harness the knowledge and expertise of our clinicians.</p> <p>That is why, in partnership with SA Health, we have commenced a series of Clinical Engagement Workshops that will engage staff to inform the future mechanism through which clinical expertise and advice will be gathered.</p> <p>Clinicians working at all levels and across all LHNs, SAAS and state-wide services are encouraged to take part in this process.</p> <p>The findings that arise from these workshops will inform new processes and future pathways for independent clinical advice to be provided by clinicians to the Minister for Health, to better inform future policies and strategies for the provision of health care.</p>
<p>An independent clinical analytics unit within the university and research sector that interfaces seamlessly with the clinical senate</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government recognises the growing importance and role that big data and data analytics is having in informing the manner in which we plan and deliver health care.</p> <p>The foundation of such data sets will inform our resource allocation and aid our clinicians to make informed decisions based in evidence.</p> <p>The South Australian Labor Government will combine data science and health services and is committed to gathering, analysing and using information to enhance our clinical</p>

	<p>governance, which will enable us to better target and deliver services across the State.</p> <p>A key step in this process is the current rolling out of SA Health's new Quality Information and Performance Hub.</p> <p>This is an interactive software program that allows all clinicians to view and navigate the data that is produced by our clinical services. Users are given access to dashboards, which enable them to view and interact with KPIs and other visualisations of data for clinical services, safety and quality, and performance.</p> <p>We will also continue our productive partnership with the Health Performance Council in reviewing and evaluating the performance of the public health system.</p>
<p>Appropriate funding to enable rigorous, open and independent evaluation and reporting</p>	<p>Established under the Health Care Act 2008, the Health Performance Council is a statutory body that provides expert advice to the Minister for Health on the performance of the health system; health outcomes for South Australians, including specific population groups; and the effectiveness of community and individual engagement.</p> <p>The South Australian Labor Government will continue to fund this work.</p>
<p>Increased Local Authority for Clinical Leaders such as Unit Heads to make decisions within their Health Network</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government supports all endeavors of our clinicians to be the best they can be and provide world leading care for South Australians.</p> <p>Clinician involvement in the design, delivery and constant improvement of SA Health services is essential to ensure that we continue to deliver a contemporary high performing health system.</p>
<p>A culture of continuous improvement and leadership – people are encouraged to speak their mind even if it is unpalatable</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to the provision of a world class health system.</p> <p>The provision of health services will always evolve and we will always commit to entrench a culture that fosters the desire to recognise and achieve best practice.</p> <p>To that end, we will always support our clinicians to lead in their fields and be strong advocates for our health system.</p>

<p>A funded recovery unit, with 24/7 on-call senior staff, to support a broader surgical and medical case-mix, including capacity for 72-hour surgery stay at the Modbury Hospital</p>	<p>In December 2017, the South Australian Labor Government announced the expansion of the Acute Surgical Ward at the Modbury Hospital.</p> <p>This expansion will see a capital investment of approximately \$35 million, which will enable surgery requiring between 1 to 3 night stays to be performed on suitable patients at Modbury Hospital.</p> <p>This investment will ensure a greater number of patients from the north and north-eastern suburbs will undergo their surgery at the site most convenient for them.</p> <p>It will also support surgical staff at Modbury Hospital to maintain higher skills, knowledge and experience.</p> <p>The expansion of services to include multiple night stay surgeries will also enhance the improved service and efficiencies that have been achieved by establishing Modbury Hospital as a dedicated hub for elective surgery.</p>
<p>Six additional intensive care beds in the Lyell McEwin Hospital</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to ensuring that all of our public hospitals have the resources they need to meet demand.</p> <p>The Lyell McEwin Hospital has the capacity to expand its bed base as the need arises. SA Health will continually monitor the demands put on the Lyell McEwin Hospital, and all other hospitals, to ensure that it has the correct number of intensive care beds to meet demand.</p>
<p>Increased resourcing to ensure NALHN is a self-sustained LHN</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to increasing NALHN's self-sufficiency.</p> <p>In recent years, a considerable amount of work and resources have been put into increasing NALHN's self-sufficiency, as we recognise its vital role in our health system.</p> <p>This investment has yielded good results. Self-sufficiency has increased by 13% and is currently 61%.</p> <p>Labor is committed to continuing this work, with the aim of increasing self-sufficiency to around 80% in total, including areas such as:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency • Rheumatology • Dermatology • Plastics • Vascular • Ear, Nose and Throat
<p>Improved Public Transport between the Lyell McEwin Hospital and Modbury Hospital</p>	<p>In order to assist family and friends of patients to visit their loved ones, the South Australian Labor Government has established a free volunteer shuttle bus service to link the Lyell McEwin Hospital, Modbury Hospital, GP Plus Health Care Centre Elizabeth and GP Plus Super Clinic Modbury.</p> <p>Labor is committed to improving the public transport network. Feedback from public transport users plays a vital role in the service planning process to ensure services continually evolve to best reflect passenger movement demand.</p> <p>Labor, through the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, will continuously work with its service providers to ensure improvements to the public transport system wherever possible.</p> <p>This process includes regularly reviewing all services across the network with regard to resource allocation, service frequency, on-time running and patronage demand.</p>
<p>Priority patient transfer between Modbury and LMH</p>	<p>The need to improve patient transfers between Modbury Hospital and Lyell McEwin Hospital was strongly reflected in the submissions received from staff, local community members, clinicians and other interested parties during the recent review of services at Modbury Hospital.</p> <p>The South Australian Labor Government is therefore committed to tackling this issue and has requested that SA Health establish a working party to review the current processes for patient transfers and recommend how the efficiency and timeliness of transfers can be improved.</p>
<p>A co-located Women's and Children's Hospital in the Biomedical Precinct</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government has committed \$528 million for a new, state-of-the-art Adelaide Women's Hospital to be built and co-located with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) by the end of 2024, which will then be followed by a new Children's Hospital.</p>

The new world-class Adelaide Women's Hospital will deliver tertiary and quaternary level obstetric, midwifery, gynaecology and perinatal infant mental health services.

Co-locating the Adelaide Women's Hospital next to the RAH will ensure critically ill women have direct access to critical care services.

The new hospital will have 148 inpatient beds which will consist of 78 women's inpatient beds (inclusive of 20 birthing suites) and 70 cots for sick newborns. It will deliver inpatient and outpatient services, including:

- Obstetric care delivery to women and their families during pregnancy, labour, birth and the postnatal and neonatal period;
- The Neonatal Service incorporating the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a Special Care Baby Unit and the full range of Level 6 neonatal services;
- Maternal Fetal Medicine services providing expert diagnosis and ongoing management for women whose pregnancies are significantly complicated by either maternal or fetal conditions;
- General gynecological services as well as gynecological care associated with pregnancy; and
- Perinatal and infant mental health services, through the relocation of the Acute Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit (Helen Mayo House) from Glenside. This unit provides care to mothers and their children three years of age or younger, if the parent needs treatment for mental health problems such as depression, anxiety or psychosis following childbirth.

The Adelaide Women's Hospital inclusion within the Health and Biomedical precinct will fortify existing research and translational practice to further enhance South Australia's growing reputation as an international hub of world's best practice.

Labor will announce the site for the new Children's Hospital by the end of 2019, and will continue to engage with our clinicians as we strive to locate a site as close to the existing health and biomedical precinct as possible.

<p>A comprehensive clinician-led child health plan to provide integrated services for children</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to ensuring that the health and wellbeing of our youngest South Australians is fostered in their infancy.</p> <p>We know that the First 1000 Days are a critical precursor to health throughout a person's life. In recognition of this, Labor is committed to the development of a comprehensive Clinical Services Plan for Children as a priority, should we be re-elected in March.</p>
<p>A clinician-led audit and testing of existing RAH facilities</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government remains committed to the previously announced post-occupancy evaluation.</p> <p>This work will commence in March 2018, and mark six months since we moved into the new Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH).</p> <p>The evaluation will cover all aspects of the hospital, and will be undertaken with input from clinicians, other staff and consumers.</p> <p>The review will take particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance of the facility against the original design intention and the organisational changes that were expected to flow from the design. • Benefits realisation – the new facility was to provide a range of benefits relating to patient care (e.g. access times to imaging; patient length of stay; etc). • Clinical equipment. <p>Some aspects of post-occupancy evaluation have already commenced, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of security has been completed resulting in a change to the processes and access times to the hospital overnight. • An initial review of signage has been undertaken, with some adjustments made. A further review will be undertaken during the six month process. • A review of Blue Space.

	<p>The current outpatient facilities on Level 3 will also be reviewed as part of the post-occupancy evaluation. This is in addition to the feasibility study underway to assess the medium and long term requirements of some of the hospital's outpatient services, like the Chest Clinic. A number of options are being explored as part of extensive discussions with clinicians and other stakeholders through meetings and workshops to achieve a long term relocation solution for our patients and staff.</p> <p>In January 2018, the Pain Management Unit relocated from the old RAH to suitable accommodation at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, with models of care and staffing remaining unchanged. The State Government has received feedback that both staff and patients are pleased with the new accommodation.</p>
<p>Frequent and transparent evaluation of hospital performance</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to frequent and transparent evaluation of our hospital network and its performance.</p> <p>We understand that there is a growing interest in the public reporting of performance measures to provide confidence in our hospital to all South Australians as we strive to provide world class health care.</p>
<p>Publicly available online outpatient clinic waiting times</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government agrees that outpatient clinic waiting times should be available online and is committed to achieving this.</p> <p>It should be noted however that this is a complex task and will take time.</p> <p>There are a very large number of outpatient clinics operating across the public health system, with much variation between their respective work practices. This means it can be difficult to compare the different data they produce.</p> <p>Nevertheless, Labor is committed to publishing this data online and consolidation work is ongoing so that the data produced by all clinics is consistent and can be meaningfully compared.</p>

<p>A single on-site integrated chest clinic in the Royal Adelaide Hospital</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government supports the Chest Clinic</p> <p>A feasibility study is currently underway within CALHN to assess the medium and long term requirements for the Chest Clinic outpatient services.</p> <p>A number of options are being explored as part of extensive discussions with clinicians and other stakeholders through meetings and workshops to achieve a long term relocation solution for our patients and staff.</p> <p>The final report is expected to be released soon for consultation.</p> <p>In the meantime, we've put in place a number of strategies, like employing a pharmacist on-site at the Chest Clinic, to alleviate the need for patients to travel to and from the RAH.</p> <p>Cabcharge vouchers are also available for any patient who needs to travel between the two sites.</p> <p>We are liaising closely with external stakeholders, like Cystic Fibrosis SA, to ensure patients who use the service will be kept updated with any progress.</p>
<p>Support for Clinical research</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government has overseen the construction of Adelaide's \$3.6 billion health and biomedical precinct, one of the largest health and life sciences clusters in the Southern Hemisphere. The precinct brings together research, education, clinical care and business development. We opened the SAHMRI, creating jobs of the future in health and biotech industries.</p> <p>We will open Australia's and the Southern Hemisphere's first proton therapy unit, leading the way for the treatment of cancer.</p> <p>We established Health Industries South Australia to promote our State as a destination for health industry investment, research and development.</p> <p>Clinical research is well supported at the RAH through the development, in partnership with The Hospital Research Foundation, of a dedicated purpose built Clinical Trials Research Centre which opened in early December 2017.</p>

	<p>Labor firmly believes that having a world-class treatment centre in the heart of our health and biomedical precinct will improve health outcomes for all South Australians, allowing South Australia to be at the forefront of healthcare, research, teaching and learning.</p> <p>An excellent example of the partnerships made possible by our health and biomedical precinct is the Beat Cancer Project, which is a joint initiative between the South Australian Labor Government, the Cancer Council and SAHMRI. Since this initiative began in 2011, it has funded over 200 research projects, which have made significant breakthroughs in the fight against cancer.</p> <p>This is why Labor has committed an additional \$3 million dollars to this project, ensuring it will be able to continue its good work until at least 2021.</p>
<p>An Independent review of EPAS as a 'fit-for-purpose' Electronic Health System</p>	<p>EPAS has resulted in significant improvements in patient safety and the quality of care in the health sites where it has been implemented.</p> <p>Over 340,000 South Australians now have an electronic health record on EPAS, with that number growing daily. This has enabled better continuity of care, better patient privacy and significantly fewer medication errors, to name just a few advantages.</p> <p>Unlike our political opponents, Labor is committed to implementing a modern, 21st Century health system and electronic health records are an integral part of that commitment.</p> <p>Nevertheless, we recognise that concerns have been raised by AMA President, Dr William Tam, and Vice President, Dr Chris Moy, along with other clinicians and staff more generally, about the system's functions and general usability.</p> <p>In recognising these concerns, Labor is committed to an independent review of EPAS that will seek to resolve the issues raised by our clinicians.</p>
<p>Collaboration between SA Health and the AMA's EPAS working group to make the prescribing system workable for clinicians</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government very much values the AMA's input into how EPAS can be as effective and user-friendly as possible.</p>

	<p>SA Health would welcome representatives of the AMA engaging directly with the EPAS Clinical Advisory Group, which was established in order to seek the views of medical staff on how EPAS can be improved.</p>
Integration with existing systems	<p>All of the proposed improvements outlined by the AMA can be considered as part of the independent review to be conducted in 2018.</p> <p>The South Australian Labor Government will ensure that the AMA and other relevant stakeholders are consulted on what to include in the Terms of Reference of this review.</p>

INTERGRATED HOPSITAL AND GP SERVICES (4)

AMA (SA) Position	State Labor Commitment
<p>Collaborative team-based models of care between GPs and Hospital Staff, supported by a suitable funding model.</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to ensuring that staff in public hospitals are able to collaborate with the primary sector to ensure that patients receive the care they need in the most appropriate setting.</p> <p>SA Health has partnered with the South Australian Primary Health Networks to purchase and implement HealthPathways at a cost of \$2.7 million each.</p> <p>This is a web-based health information portal, designed by clinicians to improve the patient's journey through the South Australian health system.</p> <p>HealthPathways covers a wide variety of clinical conditions and specialty areas. It provides GPs and other health professionals with best-practice information and resources to support them in the assessment and management of patients. It sets out the agreed pathways to best manage patients' conditions, where services are available, access points, and patient handover and referral requirements.</p> <p>This allows health professionals and patients to better manage their conditions in the community and avoids unnecessary referrals to public hospital outpatient clinics.</p>

	<p>HealthPathways brings together many different health practitioners including GPs, medical specialists, nurses, paramedics and allied health professionals, who co-design pathways to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place.</p>
<p>A clinical team to design an effective communications protocol and referral pathway to support transition from hospital, aged care and palliative care</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government recognises the need to improve pathways for patients moving between hospitals, aged care and palliative care services.</p> <p>That is why SA Health is developing a Comprehensive Care of Older People Model of Care, which includes specialist medical and allied health support. This model of care is intended to improve coordination and reduce delays in older people receiving treatment or having an unnecessary admission to hospital. Embedded in this model are communication pathways to the primary care sector.</p> <p>SA Health is also developing an End of Life Care Strategy for South Australia that will develop new initiatives and build upon current programs to deliver a comprehensive strategy with strong partnerships across the health care system.</p> <p>In addition, HealthPathways are developed by clinical teams that include GPs, medical specialists, nurses, paramedics and allied health professionals. The team works together to ensure the information supports GPs to plan appropriate care with their patients.</p> <p>The co-design of standard approaches to patient management reduces unwarranted variability in clinical practice, improves quality of care, optimises the use of resources, and improves patient outcomes in an integrated health system.</p> <p>The HealthPathways program will continue to build stronger relationships between primary and tertiary sector clinicians by strengthening communication and supporting a smooth and timely transition that will improve the patient journey.</p>
<p>Integrated systems across the public and private sectors to allow increased sharing of patient information.</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to identifying opportunities for further integration of systems across the entire health system to support timely and safe transfer of patient information.</p>

	<p>The Commonwealth's My Health Record (MHR) expansion and use across SA Health will support access to a patient's key health information such as medications, allergies, conditions and test results.</p> <p>SA Health is currently undertaking an MHR Expansion Project to build upon the integrated use of the MHR system. SA Health is working in partnership with Primary Health Networks, peak bodies and private hospitals to develop a South Australian Plan to support the MHR expansion. This is intended to increase access to health information, support timely clinical decision making and improve the continuity of care across health providers.</p> <p>SA Health has begun work to enable clinicians to view the patient's MHR through both EPAS and non-EPAS services. The MHR Viewer is anticipated to be available mid-2018. All SA Health metropolitan hospitals, Mount Gambier and Port Augusta hospitals are connected to the MHR system for sending discharge summaries to GPs.</p> <p>The MHR integration into SA Pathology, SA Medical Imaging and SA Pharmacy is expected to be completed by June 2019.</p>
<p>Collaborative funding for GP-Led Stepdown and Outpatient services, supported by responsive community nursing</p>	<p>While noting that the provision of primary care is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government, the South Australian Labor Government is keen for the primary and tertiary care sectors to collaborate wherever possible, as can be seen with the partnership that was entered in to with the Primary Health Networks to implement HealthPathways.</p> <p>SA Health provides a range of programs supporting hospital discharge and avoidance, with options to be cared for in the community provided by two current programs, Hospital and Health Care @ Home and Community Nursing.</p> <p>SA Health will continually work to review outpatient systems to redesign services and progress alternate models of care where necessary. For example, clinicians recently reviewed the Ophthalmology service at NALHN and developed recommendations to improve access and efficiency of its outpatient services. Similarly, a new Ophthalmology model of care is being explored with clinicians from across Local Health Networks.</p>

RESOURCES FOR RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH CARE (9)

AMA (SA) Position	State Labor Commitment
<p>Accessible and effective locum services for rural practices</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is absolutely committed to ensuring safe working hours for the medical workforce and its entire staff.</p> <p>Country Health SA continues to make progress in its efforts to move away from historic medical models that rely on GPs being available to cover hospital requirements on a 24/7 basis. Measures are now in place to encourage GPs to limit their rostered availability to 12-hour shifts when providing cover for large regional hospitals.</p> <p>In the case of small rural hospitals, remote real time video access to an experienced rural GP provides the patient and local nursing staff with direct access to an experienced rural GP, allowing the resident GP to have an uninterrupted night's sleep.</p> <p>Furthermore, access to Safe Work payments have been made easier to obtain so that after a busy night of providing hospital cover, GPs are able to take time off from private practice commitments on the following day.</p>
<p>Local medical representation on Hospital Governance Bodies</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to ensuring that the membership of the Health Advisory Councils are made up of a broad range of stakeholders with different experiences of the provision of health services and local community interests.</p> <p>Applications and interest from medical practitioners to join their local Health Advisory Council are welcomed and encouraged through the usual appointment process.</p>
<p>Country Health SA Responsibilities to include Clinical Care, Clinical Research and Training</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government acknowledges the difficulties in the provision of training and enabling of research in regional communities.</p> <p>South Australia is not alone in this regard with all jurisdictions facing challenges with the recruitment and retention of doctors in regional areas.</p> <p>We need to strike the balance in order to be able to provide Clinical Care, Clinical Research and Training in regional communities but do not want to disadvantage either the students</p>

	<p>who require training or the communities in which they serve.</p> <p>We are committed work towards improved training opportunities in country South Australia.</p>
<p>Increased Scope of Clinical Services in larger case-mix funded hospitals to increase community access to treatment and reduce demand on metropolitan hospitals</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to providing services in regional areas as close as possible to where people live, while ensuring that they are provided safely and effectively.</p> <p>Country Health SA is continuing to explore opportunities to expand, where possible, the scope of clinical services in larger hospitals to increase community access to treatment and reduce demand on metropolitan hospitals. For example, management of hip fractures in the elderly, rehabilitation services and stroke services.</p> <p>Further examples include stroke services, which have seen improved 24/7 pathways via SA Ambulance Service to one of the three country stroke services (Whyalla, Berri and Mount Gambier) to improve timely assessment and specialist stroke care. The next step is to expand access to thrombolysis for eligible stroke patients at these three sites to 24/7 with remote support from metropolitan neurologists. Additional country stroke services are also being explored include Port Pirie, Port Lincoln and Port Augusta.</p> <p>Similarly, Country Health SA is increasing Medical Oncology services, which are currently being recruited to, as well as increasing Cancer Pharmacy and Nursing leadership to help support these increased services. Country Health SA is also considering a strategy to expand Haematology services in the future.</p>
<p>Investment in a hybrid model of care including hospitals specialists, rural GPs and medical trainees.</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to working collaboratively with GPs and other stakeholders in co-designing future service plans.</p> <p>In alignment with the SA Health Clinical Services Capability Framework, steering groups made up of Health Advisory Councils, GPs, other clinicians, Country Health SA leaders and other partners, are being established to analyse data, evidence and qualitative feedback and develop sustainable health service models. This includes exploring</p>

	<p>safe and sustainable options to increase the scope of services locally.</p> <p>This approach has been successful recently in locations such as the Adelaide Hills and Eudunda / Kapunda. It has also commenced in the Riverland and Kangaroo Island.</p>
<p>Improved access to Mental Health Care for rural patients</p>	<p>Three new specialist mental health inpatient units were opened in the Riverland, Whyalla and Mount Gambier under a State Labor Government.</p> <p>This includes improved access and timely clinical assessment of patients without the need for transfer to Adelaide using the South Australian Digital Telehealth Network.</p> <p>A re-elected South Australian Labor Government will continue to support mental health care for patients in our rural communities.</p>
<p>Standardised equipment procurement to equate with metropolitan standards where parallel services exist</p>	<p>SA Health has over \$500 million in capital biomedical equipment assets across the health system with a life span of seven to 10 years. Assets across the system are upgraded and replaced according to need.</p> <p>Sustainment and replacement of country hospital assets/equipment comes through a number of sources, such as the annual Minor Works and Compliance program, the Biomedical Capital Equipment Program, Special Purpose Funds and major capital projects.</p>
<p>Increased funding for transport and accommodation for rural patients treated in the City and improved access to accommodation for their families and their carers.</p>	<p>While the Liberal party is busy talking down our new world-class quaternary hospital, the Labor Government is getting on with the job of investing in public health care across our state.</p> <p>Every general inpatient room at the new Royal Adelaide Hospital features a daybed so that relatives and carers can stay overnight where appropriate, a new accommodation option that benefits patients and their relatives coming from the regions.</p> <p>For those who are unable to stay on site at the hospital, a range of nearby low cost accommodation options have been identified, including hotels, apartments and lodges provided by non-profit organisations. All of these options cost less than \$100 per night and many provide full or partial subsidies available</p>

	<p>to eligible patients and their carers.</p> <p>We provide a subsidy of \$40 per night for patients and \$40 per night for eligible carers who are required to travel. Non-concession card holders are required to pay the first night of accommodation only.</p> <p>For patients who are required to stay longer than four nights and stay with an approved provider, we can provide a bulk billing payment direct to the accommodation provider, so the patient doesn't need to pay for accommodation upfront.</p>
<p>Alliances with the private sector to provide appropriate accommodation at moderate cost for rural patients and families and their carers</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government, through Country Health SA, has established relationships with private and non-government organisation accommodation providers, such as the Cancer Council, Careworks, Ronald McDonald House and Greenways Apartments.</p> <p>Information about the available options is provided to patients and their families who need accommodation support when travelling to the city for treatment.</p>

COMMITMENT TO TRAINING AND RESEARCH (9)

AMA (SA) Position	State Labor Commitment
<p>A Strategic Plan for training and clinical research funding</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to fostering a learning culture within the public health system. As stated in SA Health's recently launched Strategic Plan, training and research is a priority for the Government.</p> <p>SA Health, through the SA Medical Education and Training (SA MET) Health Advisory Council, is developing the document 'Medical Education and Training Principles - our strategic priority' which will give clear commitments to ensuring that South Australia continues to have a well-trained medical workforce. It will also set out the principles that will guide how this will be achieved, such as establishing clear governance systems.</p> <p>SA Health has also developed the document 'Research Focus 2020', which recognises the importance of research to delivering high quality healthcare, and sets out clear strategies to provide a coordinated, system-wide approach to health and medical research.</p>
<p>Risk assessments of the impact of clinical service configuration on medical training and research</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to ensuring that whenever service configurations are considered within the public hospital system, training needs are considered to ensure that any impact to this area is minimised.</p> <p>The State Government supports the establishment of statewide networks for training programs, which minimises any risk that reconfigurations made to services in a particular location will have an impact on the provision of training opportunities across the system.</p> <p>The impact of clinical service changes on health and medical research is addressed by the Chief Executive Officers of the Local Health Networks, in consultation with key staff, to ensure current and future research and evaluation activities are factored into service/system planning.</p> <p>Due consideration is given to maintaining and supporting research excellence to retain high quality staff and to support improvements in clinical care.</p>

<p>Recognition of time/resources for clinical supervisors and teachers in hospitals</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government acknowledges the vital contribution made by clinical supervisors and teachers in training the next generation of medical staff that will deliver health services in South Australia well into the future.</p> <p>Any amendments to the current recognition provided for clinical supervisors and teachers' time and resources should be pursued and considered as part of the established industrial framework.</p>
<p>Collaboration with universities to address medical workforce needs and medical student numbers and pathways to registration</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government has an excellent relationship with South Australia's universities, who regularly share information with SA Health about medical student numbers. These relationships enable SA Health to adequately prepare to meet its commitment under the 2006 COAG agreement to offer all Commonwealth supported medical graduates an internship position.</p> <p>The SA MET Health Advisory Council has a wide range of stakeholder representation on its committees, including the Deans of the South Australian medical schools.</p> <p>In addition, there are representatives from the SA MET Unit on the final year program committees for both medical schools in South Australia.</p> <p>These relationships ensure effective communication between SA Health and the universities about medical student numbers and transition to practice.</p>
<p>Innovative network training and accreditation models</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to fostering an environment in public hospitals that encourages innovation and new ways of working.</p> <p>We recognise that training networks are an effective way to provide trainees with adequate experiences and support the establishment of statewide networks for training programs.</p> <p>For example, Local Health Networks frequently work together to select trainees into training pathways based on a single statewide approach for a particular specialty.</p> <p>Some training programs work as a statewide network, as this ensures that the trainees have access to a range of placements and a variety</p>

	<p>of clinical settings.</p> <p>Interns now rotate within a Local Health Network rather than being based at only one hospital.</p> <p>SA Health regularly provides information to the Australian Medical Council as part of their accreditation of specialty training programs. This includes supporting the value of networked training and accreditation.</p>
<p>Incentives and supports for Australian Medical Graduates to work in Rural Areas</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government supports the expansion of training positions in rural areas and is looking at different training models and ability to meet accreditation requirements to enable this to occur.</p>
<p>Increased Rural training places for specialists</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government recognises the need to increase the number of rural training places for specialists.</p> <p>In partnership with the universities, we have established rural training hubs in the Limestone Coast (Flinders University) and Eyre Peninsula and Spencer Gulf (University of Adelaide).</p> <p>SA Health continues to advocate for and support positions in rural areas assisted through the Commonwealth's Specialty Training Program.</p>
<p>Better training pathways for country doctors and more funding for on-going professional development.</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government acknowledges the benefits of funding streams such as the Commonwealth programs for rural proceduralists (RPGP and GPPTPS) and will continue to support such initiatives.</p> <p>Selection into a rural intern training pathway will be implemented for the 2019 training year, with the aim of attracting medical graduates who will continue and complete their training in a rural location.</p>
<p>Grants for Rural Medical Research</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government will advocate with granting agencies, such as the National Health and Medical Research Council, for grants to be provided for rural medical research.</p> <p>The Beat Cancer Project, which Labor will provide an additional \$3 million towards, recently announced a \$280,000 grant towards a cancer trial that will run at both the Flinders Medical Centre and Mount Gambier, allowing</p>

	<p>regional patients to enter into trials with less travel and less cost.</p> <p>It is hoped that this will prove to be a successful model, which will allow a future roll out to other regional and rural cancer centre sites.</p>
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BETTER FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES (3)

AMA (SA) Position	State Labor Commitment
<p>Multiple medium-size purpose-built, high-dependency accommodation to provide high quality care for people with severe behavioral issues associated with dementia, mental illness and impairment</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to the development of a Centre of Excellence for the sub-acute care of people with very severe to extreme forms of dementia.</p> <p>Labor also supports the concept of the creation of multiple Specialist Residential Units for non-acute accommodation and care of people with severe to very severe forms of dementia.</p>
<p>Specialist training for staff caring for elderly patients with behavioral problems</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government agrees that specialist training is required for staff caring for elderly patients with severe to extreme forms of behavioral or psychological symptoms of dementia.</p>
<p>Dedicated mental health registry to collect data to inform the clinical analytics units on mental health needs in South Australia</p>	<p>A re-elected South Australian Labor Government would further enhance the existing mental health registry that exists within SAHMRI.</p> <p>This registry would build on the existing registries that South Australian researchers help maintain. Improved data analytics will help empower our clinicians make informed decisions</p>
<p>Evidence-bases Mental Health Policy</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government supports improving linkages between research and policy makers to create evidenced and innovative</p>

FUNDING FOR PALLIATIVE CARE (3)

AMA (SA) Position	State Labor Commitment
<p>A \$24 million per annum palliative care model that enables GPs and Allied Health to support people to die at home</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government, through SA Health, is developing an End of Life Care Strategy for South Australia, which includes a range of new and existing initiatives.</p> <p>The key objective of this strategy is to achieve innovative and comprehensive end of life care that best matches the needs and preferences of South Australians through strong partnerships.</p> <p>Under the strategy, it is intended to implement new initiatives, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing an education program delivered by Specialist Palliative Care Services to upskill generalist providers across primary, community and acute care settings. - Identifying the issues and barriers to accessing GP services, medication and equipment for people at the end of life, and develop recommendations. - Expanding the GP Palliative Shared Care Program to include country General Practitioners and practice nurses. - Developing transfer of care pathways between acute and community services for people who are identified at the end of life.
<p>Commitment to reinstate funding for specialist palliative care visits to Country SA</p>	<p>The Commonwealth's Regional Health Outreach Fund previously funded palliative care specialists to visit rural areas, however this funding ceased on 30 December 2017.</p> <p>Country Health SA is continuing to fund the current level of specialist visits until 30 June 2018.</p> <p>In that time, Country Health SA will review current service levels and mode of delivery, in consultation with the Palliative Care Specialists and the Local Health Networks that employ them.</p> <p>This review will inform a decision on the feasibility of any revised model of care based on need and supported by technology to ensure people living in rural and remote South Australia have improved access to this service.</p>

<p>A new 16-bed purpose-built hospice at Modbury Hospital to service the NALN Community</p>	<p>The need for a purpose built hospice in NALHN was strongly reflected in the submissions received from staff, local community members, clinicians and other interested parties during the recent review of services at Modbury Hospital.</p> <p>That's why the South Australian Labor Government recently announced the creation of a purpose built Palliative Care Unit at Modbury, at a capital cost of approximately \$15.5 million. This will ensure patients are cared for in a suitable environment for end-of-life care.</p> <p>Palliative Care patients and their families will have access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comfortable, respectful, well-equipped, private en-suite accommodation - Integrated psychological and spiritual aspects of patient care - A space where families are able to stay with their loved ones during end of life - Care provided in a 'home-like' environment - Gardens for the culturally appropriate care for the Aboriginal community - Space where complementary therapies can be provided - Space where activities such as art therapy can be held.

SUPPORT FOR DOCTORS' WELLBEING (5)

AMA (SA) Position	State Labor Commitment
<p>Amendment to the South Australian Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to remove the mandatory reporting provision for treating medical professionals</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government acknowledges the AMA (SA)'s stance on Mandatory Reporting and the manner in which it has been implemented in Western Australia.</p> <p>We acknowledge the logic of the proposed amendments and will continue to participate in the ongoing discussions at COAG to seek national agreement on them.</p> <p>Should no agreement be made, Labor will review the success in Western Australia and determine how it could be replicated in a South Australian context.</p>

<p>Resourcing for peer-to-peer support networks for all Doctors, particularly Doctors in training</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government fully acknowledges the importance of providing doctors, especially junior doctors and doctors in training, with support for their mental health.</p> <p>Support provided by SA Health includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding for the establishment of Doctors Health SA, a primary care service particularly for the medical workforce - Employee Assistance Program and Resilience training - Respectful behaviour policy, guideline on Managing disrespectful behaviours and supporting resources (e.g. fact sheets and toolkit) - Targeted SA MET strategies, including, but not restricted to, information for junior doctors on the SA MET website, including a guide for junior doctors on Addressing workplace bullying.
<p>Commitment to safe work hours</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government strongly supports the rights of all doctors to work safe hours for the wellbeing of patients and clinicians alike. We welcome any information where the AMA have identified unsafe working conditions and will actively work with the AMA to remedy such practices as a matter of urgency.</p>
<p>Commitment to provide financial support for a mentoring program for Doctors, and students particularly in rural areas.</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government is committed to equitable access to health care for all South Australians.</p> <p>SA Health has FTE positions and supported programs available to clinical staff who seek to practice in regional areas.</p> <p>Labor is committed to ensuring our regional communities are afforded the best care possible and will investigate options that may see additional incentives introduced to attract/support clinical staff, doctors and students to regional areas.</p>
<p>Zero tolerance for bullying behavior, harassment or abuse</p>	<p>The South Australian Labor Government does not condone, tolerate or accept any bullying, harassment or abuse in any workplace.</p>