

## POLICY DOCUMENTS



### Health

The Coalition Government is determined to rebuild Victoria's health system after 11 years of mismanagement by Labor.

Key tasks of a government are to respond to community service needs and to plan for the future. To date, the Coalition Government has delivered on both.

Compared to Labor's last full year in office, the Coalition Government has increased the health portfolio budget by \$3.6 billion, some 32.2 per cent, to a record \$14.9 billion in 2014-15. This investment clearly shows the Coalition Government's genuine commitment to the good health and wellbeing of all Victorians.

Some of the key achievements delivered include:

- 961 more doctors
- 1,748 more nurses
- 856 more allied health professionals
- Increased capacity across the health system
- Additional resources for elective surgery
- Additional resources for health services equipment replacement

In relation to Ambulance Services, the Coalition Government has delivered:

- A 50 per cent reduction in Ambulance Subscription fees
- More than 450 additional paramedics state-wide, exceeding the Government's election commitment of an additional 310 paramedics
- More than 20,000 additional shifts worked by paramedics
- Over 20 upgraded and new ambulance stations completed
- New Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) services to Warrnambool, Wonthaggi, Shepparton, Mildura, Wodonga, and Wangaratta, Horsham, Swan Hill, Bairnsdale and Sale; and a
- Motor cycle paramedic unit

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In 2014-15 the Coalition Government has also committed \$550 million to replace the Ambulance helicopter fleet. This will provide patients particularly in rural and regional Victoria with rapid transport to major trauma, cardiac, and specialist hospitals in the event of a medical emergency.

The Coalition Government has also delivered on Drug and Alcohol Services, Mental Health Prevention, and Community Health Services.

In addition to the \$14.9 billion 2014-15 health Budget, the Coalition Government has \$4.5 billion of capital projects underway. Projects under construction include:

- The \$1.0 billion Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- The \$250 million Monash Children's Hospital
- The \$630 million Bendigo Hospital
- The \$448 million Box Hill Hospital

Newly funded infrastructure projects announced in the 2014-15 budget include:

- \$78.0 million for the La Trobe Regional Hospital re-development
- \$28.1 million for Barwon Health North
- \$14.0 million for the Boort Hospital re-development
- \$7.8 million for the Healesville Hospital expansion