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SA BUDGET BOOST TO HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE GETS NOD

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) has applauded a \$1.1 billion health package aimed at modernising suburban hospitals announced in the South Australian budget.

In handing down last night's budget, Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis promised \$528 million would be spent on a new Adelaide Women's Hospital within the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, which is due to be opened in September.

The women's hospital will ensure mothers and their newborns have access to the most modern equipment.

In addition, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital will receive a \$250 million makeover, with a new building to house its emergency department, outpatients area, operating theatres and rehabilitation facilities.

A total of \$71.9 million will be spent to upgrade infrastructure and services at the Lyell McEwin, Flinders, Modbury and Mount Barker hospitals.

ACN Chief Executive Officer, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, said upgrades to hospitals would in turn provide better health care for South Australians.

"Australians, no matter what state or territory they reside, deserve the best health care from qualified and dedicated health professionals," Adjunct Professor Ward said.

"Receiving that care in state of the art hospitals and health facilities is imperative to ensure that Australia maintains its reputation as a world leader in the provision of health care.

"I applaud any decision that involves investing in our hospitals or health services and am particularly pleased that women's health is being directly recognised by the budget promise."

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Notes to Editors:

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurse leaders and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care



settings and nursing specialties. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva. An organisation not afraid to challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, ACN is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN's membership includes nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

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