



# Media Release

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## **CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON SOUTH MORANG GP SUPER CLINIC**

The Southern suburbs of the City of Whittlesea are a step closer to improved health care as construction on the new South Morang GP Super Clinic begins.

Speaking at the sod turning ceremony for the Super Clinic today, Minister for Health, Tanya Plibersek, and Member for Scullin, Harry Jenkins, said the new clinic would be a welcome addition to the area.

“We are building a strong and responsive frontline health system, to make sure Australians are provided with access to health care where they need it, when they need it,” Ms Plibersek said.

Mr Jenkins said the clinic, located on Civic Drive near the new South Morang train station and bus interchange and adjacent to the Westfield Shopping Centre, to be operated by Plenty Valley Community Health Service, will complement the services currently provided by that organisation throughout the City of Whittlesea.

“I have advocated the need for a GP Super Clinic to ensure local families have access to a variety of health care services in the one convenient location. It is about our community getting a share of the programs available to assist access to vital services,” Mr Jenkins said.

“This is a big win for people in the northern suburbs.”

“I am delighted that the vision of the Australian Government, Plenty Valley Community Health Service and the University of Melbourne has today become a reality and once complete, will benefit residents in Melbourne’s outer north for many years to come.

The Super Clinic will house multidisciplinary teams comprising general practitioners, nurses and allied health professionals.

Mr Jenkins said there would be a specific focus on child health, intellectually and physically disabled patients and chronic disease prevention and management.

“The Super Clinic will provide clinical placements for medical, nursing and allied health students and include the facilities necessary for a strong teaching, education and primary health research focus,” Mr Jenkins said.

On current planning, the Super Clinic will initially be open from 8.00 am – 8.00 pm from Monday to Friday and 9.00 am - 12.30 pm on Saturdays, with additional early morning clinics at 7.00 am. Plenty Valley Community Health will work with the Medicare Local to extend the after-hours service provision.

The clinic intends to bulk bill those members of the local community who need it, with co-payments for allied health services at the discretion of the practitioner.

Funding for the Super Clinic has been provided by the Gillard Government (\$3.7 million); Plenty Valley Community Health (\$6.6 million) and the University of Melbourne – CRESCENT Program (\$225,000).

Construction of the clinic is being undertaken by Ireland Brown Constructions.

The Australian Government is making a significant investment in GP Super Clinics and has committed \$650.4 million to build more than 60 GP Super Clinics around Australia and upgrade and extend around 425 existing general practices, primary care and community health services, and Aboriginal Medical Services.

There are now 35 GP Super Clinics either open, providing early services or under construction.

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