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## David Bradbury: cancer funding for Nepean Hospital

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Federal Member for Lindsay David Bradbury has welcomed the announcement of \$10 million in additional funding for cancer services at Nepean Hospital.

This extra funding is part of a significant new \$357 million investment in hospitals and health services announced by the Rudd Labor Government around the country.

The \$10 million investment announced by the Prime Minister yesterday will deliver improved cancer services at Nepean Hospital through:

- o A new linear accelerator which can x-ray and treat cancer cells, and
- o A new mammogram machine.

Mr Bradbury, said this investment builds on Labor's strong record of improving local health services.

"My proudest achievement serving as the Member for Lindsay has been the massive \$96.4 million redevelopment I've helped deliver at Nepean Hospital," he said.

"This announcement builds on Labor's strong record of improving local health services and will ensure local cancer sufferers and their families have access to the best services available.

"This \$10 million investment will provide state of the art equipment for the treatment and prevention of cancer.

"A number of local residents have contacted me about the need for a mammogram machine at Nepean hospital and I am pleased that we have secured the funding for this, as well as further investment in local cancer services.

"The Prime Minister also announced further investments in Western Sydney health which will benefit local residents, including:

- o \$100 million for the first stage of a comprehensive redevelopment of Westmead Hospital, the major hospital servicing Sydney's western suburbs.

o \$12 million for construction of a medical research and education facility for the Westmead Millennium Institute which focusses on conditions including cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, major infectious and immune diseases and liver, eye, kidney and psychiatric diseases.

o \$10 million for the Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) Westmead redevelopment project, one of Australia's leading medical research institutions. This will allow CMRI to expand its work, including a project to identify molecular components of an enzyme that 85 per cent of cancers depend on for their growth.

Mr Bradbury said Labor's record investments in local health are in contrast to Tony Abbott and the Liberals who would cut health to the bone.

"When Tony Abbott was Health Minister he slashed hospital funding by \$1 billion and broke an election promise by cutting the Medicare safety net," Mr Bradbury said. "We've already seen the NSW Liberal Government slash \$3 billion from health in NSW.

"Cutting vital services is what the Liberals do best - only Labor will continue to make these significant investments in our hospital to ensure we have access to world class health services."