

# Annual Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Budget Estimates Inquiry

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## Infrastructure pipeline

**We're delivering more than \$15 billion worth of health infrastructure projects in hundreds of communities right across Victoria.**

We're building the public health infrastructure Victorians deserve – so they can get the care they need, closer to where they live and work.

This massive pipeline includes major new hospital expansions, new ambulance branches, residential aged care facilities, mental health facilities and early parenting centres.



Delivering new hospital builds and facility upgrades across the state - from Mildura to Orbost



47 projects currently in construction and 17 in planning or procurement



Currently delivering 64 initiatives – some of these single line items have multiple projects within them

## Metro project highlights

We're delivering major projects across Melbourne's growing suburbs.

- **The New Footscray Hospital** will treat approximately 15,000 additional patients and enable around 20,000 additional people to be seen by the emergency department each year.
- **The Frankston Hospital Redevelopment** will have the capacity to treat approximately 35,000 more patients each year.
- Redevelopment of three of Victoria's busiest metropolitan hospitals at the **Northern Hospital**, **Monash Medical Centre** and the **Austin Hospital emergency department** will provide growing local communities with better access to emergency departments, inpatient care, and dedicated wards to meet maternal and paediatric needs.



Construction progress at New Footscray Hospital

## Regional project highlights

**Our project pipeline is supporting communities across regional Victoria.**

- The **Ballarat Base Hospital expansion** is in its final stage of construction, massively expanding patient care in the region.
- The **Warrnambool Base Hospital redevelopment** will transform services at the hospital, giving Victoria's south-west community access to world-class healthcare facilities, close to home.
- The **Barwon Women's and Children's** will provide world class women's healthcare to the Geelong region.
- The new aged care facilities in **Cohuna** , **Maffra** and **Camperdown** will provide residents with private rooms to promote dignity, privacy and independence.
- New and refurbished **Youth Prevention and Recovery Centres in Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Traralgon**, and **Shepparton** will double the capacity of the state's YPARC network.

# State-wide grant programs

**Victoria's health services continue to be supported through infrastructure and capital grant programs to provide quality treatment and services for local communities.**

Grants can be used to replace medical equipment and engineering infrastructure and upgrade existing health services to provide quality treatment and services to meet the growing needs of Victorian communities.

Since 2015 we've funded approximately \$1.89 billion of investment through grant programs.

## **Recent projects funded include:**

- Heathcote Health new community health hub
- Sunraysia Community Health Service's Family & Child Hub expansion and relocation
- Upgrade of the Central Sterile Services Department and Oral Health Unit at Echuca Regional Health



Artist impression of a new staff accommodation building at Goulburn Valley Health, Shepparton

# Ambulance stations

The Victorian Government is upgrading and building new Ambulance Branches across Victoria.

Modern, and well-located Ambulance Branches mean Victorians can receive the best lifesaving emergency care, now – and into the future.

Since 2015, 47 ambulance branches have been delivered with the following sites in planning and/or delivery:

- Beechworth
- East Bentleigh
- Melton Exford
- Armstrong Creek



*Templestowe Ambulance Branch*

## 25/26 State Budget investment

The 25/26 State Budget builds on existing record health infrastructure investment to deliver critical infrastructure across the state.

**\$5 million**  
to build the new  
Northcote Early  
Parenting  
Centre

**\$171 million**  
for hospital  
upgrades and  
new equipment

**\$10 million**  
boost to the  
Mental Health  
Capital  
Renewal fund

**\$7.5 million**  
to continue to  
improve facilities  
in Public Sector  
Residential Aged  
Care

Thank you