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#### **GP SUPER CLINIC FOR NOARLUNGA**

The \$25 million Noarlunga GP Super Clinic is one step closer after the Rudd Government signed an agreement with SA Health today.

The Noarlunga GP Super Clinic will operate as a Hub and Spoke model, involving:

- Development of a new purpose-built facility and redevelopment of existing buildings within the Noarlunga Hospital and Health Village precinct (the hub);
- Integration with existing health services within the precinct; and
- Virtual integration with existing local service providers (spokes).

The clinic will provide a range of services with a particular focus on chronic disease management. Services will be available from privately practising general practitioners, practice nurses, specialists, dentists and allied health providers. The clinic will also provide a focal point for services and programs to priority target populations including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, children and young people and people with chronic disease.

The Southern Adelaide Health Service will lead the development of the clinic in consultation with local providers and the community. It is anticipated that interim services will be available from late 2010 ahead of project completion in 2011.

The infrastructure provided through the clinic will incorporate design functions to support teaching, training and education. The clinic will accommodate placements for undergraduate and postgraduate medical, nursing and allied health students, as well as clinical support and vocational education programs.

Minister for Health and Ageing, Nicola Roxon said GP Super Clinics will play an important role in building infrastructure to improve frontline health services in communities like Noarlunga.

“Today’s announcement by the Rudd Government follows the community consultation I attended last year with more than 120 health professionals and community members,” said Ms Roxon.

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP, welcomed the announcement today.

“This facility will deliver real benefits for people living in the southern suburbs of Adelaide by bringing together GPs and allied health workers under the one roof.

“I am very pleased this contract between the South Australian and Rudd Government’s is now finalised and we are a step closer to enhancing services to people in my local community,” Ms Rishworth said.

GP Super Clinics are a \$275 million election commitment of the Rudd Government, providing primary health care services where they are needed.

They are a key part of the Government’s plans to improve Australia’s health care system.