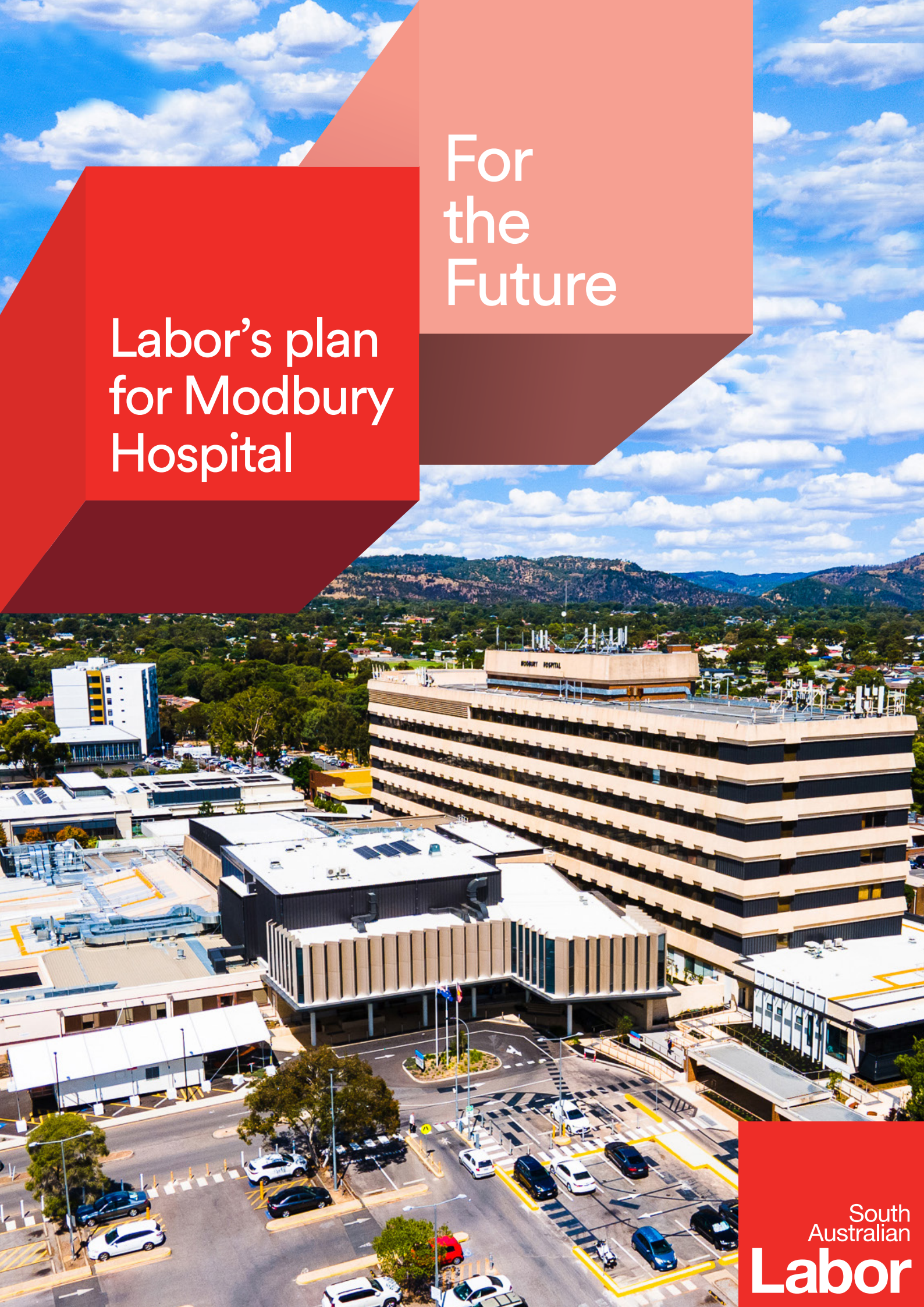


For  
the  
Future

Labor's plan  
for Modbury  
Hospital





#### Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.

# Foreword

I've spent a lot of time listening to clinicians and patients about how critical Modbury Hospital is to services in the North East.

I was delighted to put forward a plan five years ago that has now been rolled out – upgrading the emergency, surgery, palliative care and infrastructure at the hospital.

Now while the Liberals have enjoyed cutting ribbons on these projects – they haven't got a plan of their own for this vital hospital.

Except of course their plan to close Woodleigh House and remove beds from the hospital available to all adults for mental health admissions.

At the same time ramping has massively increased, ambulance delays have worsened and our population is growing.

Residents in the North East should rightfully expect to receive quality care close to home, and at a hospital that can meet the needs of a growing population.

That's why we will deliver a \$169 million plan to upgrade and expand Modbury Hospital.

**A Malinauskas Labor Government will deliver cancer services in the North East for the first time, including chemotherapy, in a new Cancer Centre.**

**We will save Woodleigh House services in a new building, while overall more than doubling the mental health beds at Modbury.**

And we will significantly increase the number of beds at the hospital as part of our plan to fix the ramping crisis.

Only Labor will fix the ramping crisis, and only Labor has a plan to boost services at Modbury Hospital.



Peter Malinauskas MP  
SA Labor Leader





## BUILDING ON LABOR'S PREVIOUS INVESTMENTS

Labor embarked on a major project consulting with clinicians and North East residents to identify critical needs for Modbury Hospital.

Following that, in December 2017, Labor announced our fully-funded commitment to a \$90 million expansion of Modbury Hospital.

This significant investment, fully planned and funded under the Labor Government, included –

- ✓ A new surgical unit enabling more elective surgery at Modbury
- ✓ A new extended care unit and acute medical unit next to the emergency department, allowing patients to be seen sooner and reducing ramping
- ✓ A purpose-built palliative care facility
- ✓ Major infrastructure upgrades to the hospital

While the Marshall Liberal Government is happy to take all the credit for Labor's commitments to Modbury Hospital, they have no plan to meet the future health needs of the North East.

## WHY WE'RE DOING THIS

### Cancer services

The last South Australian Cancer Plan expired in 2015, with no forward plan on how to address this critical area of health. The Government's website still says a new Cancer Plan *"is under development, scheduled for release in 2018."*

#### State-wide Cancer Control Plan 2011-2015

The [SA State-wide Cancer Control Plan 2011-2015 \(PDF 2.5KB\)](#) was developed as a guide to providing coordinated cancer control and care in SA.

The first plan, released in 2007, combined high-level aspirational targets with actions designed to prevent lifestyle-attributed cancers and improve the cancer journey for people diagnosed with cancer.

This new plan is, again, a collaborative effort between Cancer Council SA and the SA Cancer Clinical Network.

The draft SA Cancer Plan 2018-2022 is under development, scheduled for release in 2018.

Source: [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au)

This non-existent plan is four years overdue – due to expire before it's even released.

In South Australia there was 10,514 new cases of cancer diagnosed in 2017, while there were 3,713 cancer deaths.

We know that a third of us will experience cancer in our lifetimes. For those that do receive a diagnosis, most want access to treatment closer to home.

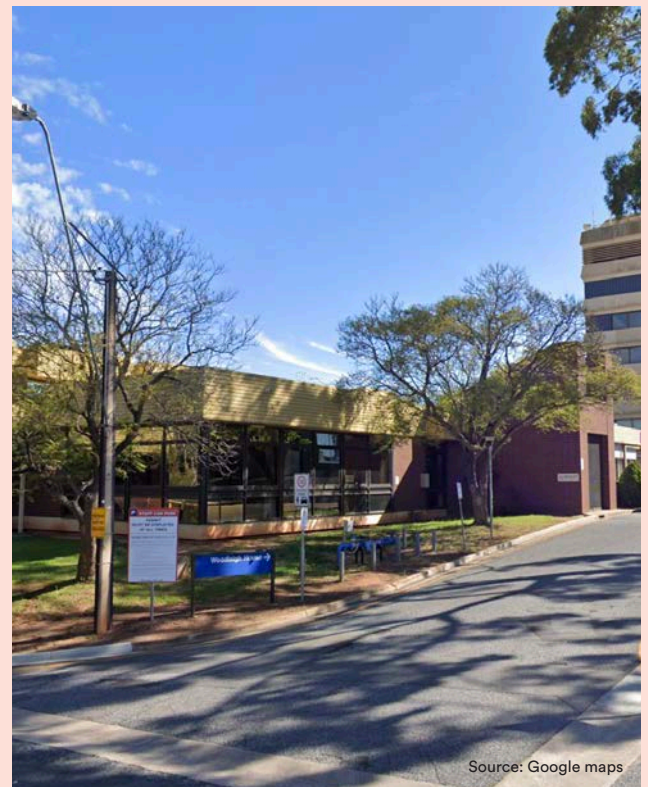
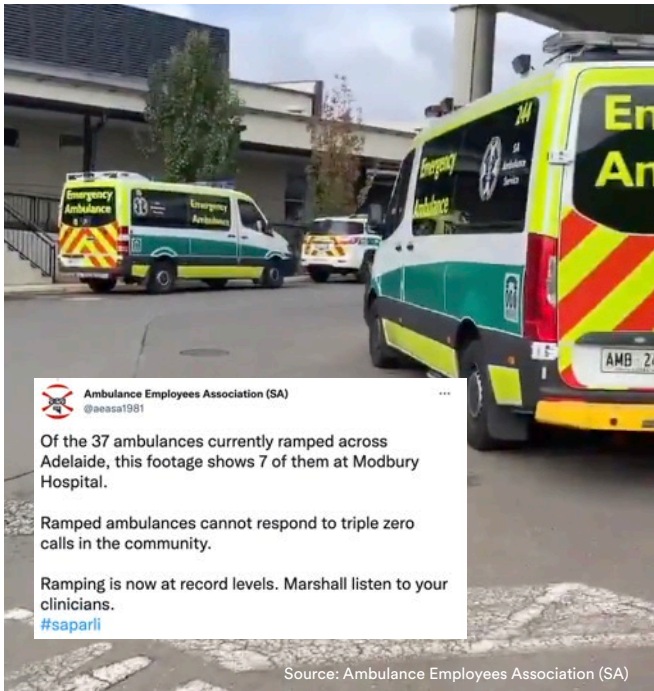
In 2014, the former Labor Government invested \$10 million to boost cancer services at Lyell McEwin Hospital to meet a need in the north – now there is a clear need to boost cancer services for residents in our growing North-Eastern suburbs.

Right now, Modbury Hospital has zero chemotherapy spaces – meaning that north-east residents are having to travel to receive treatment.

## Ramping and hospital capacity

We have seen significant instances of ramping at Modbury Hospital, just like the rest of our metropolitan hospitals.

Ramping is the worst it's been in South Australian history – more than quadrupling since 2017, before the Liberals came to government.



## Mental health

Woodleigh House is a 20-bed mental health facility at Modbury Hospital opened back in 1980, in dire need of a complete rebuild and expansion.

The facility has received sanctions by the Chief Psychiatrist and has been widely criticised by mental health professionals and patients alike for its outdated and dangerous design.

In January 2019, the Chief Psychiatrist sanctioned Woodleigh House, preventing high-risk patients from being admitted to the facility until urgent safety upgrades were made.

Instead of upgrading or rebuilding Woodleigh House, the Liberals are planning to take adult mental health beds away from Modbury and shut the facility down.

The Liberals will shift an entirely separate older person's service to the current Woodleigh House site and leave adults experiencing a mental health crisis with nowhere to go. There will be no net increase in beds at the hospital.

This shift is a significant concern for many people in the North East, who know that mental health patients resorting to the emergency department will only increase ramping.

## Chemotherapy services available at Adelaide Hospitals

| Hospital                        | Chemotherapy Spaces | Treatments (2020/21) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Royal Adelaide Hospital         | 34                  | 15,930               |
| Flinders Medical Centre         | 19                  | 10,034               |
| Lyell McEwin Hospital           | 12                  | 8,889                |
| The Queen Elizabeth Hospital    | 13                  | 4,284                |
| Women's and Children's Hospital | 18                  | 1,664                |
| <b>Modbury Hospital</b>         | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>             |

Source: SA Parliament, Answer on Notice 817, 14 October 2021

# LABOR'S PLAN

## MODBURY HOSPITAL CANCER CENTRE

COST: \$28 million

Labor will establish a new Modbury Hospital Cancer Centre, expanding access to treatment closer to home for North East residents.

This significant investment will introduce cancer services at Modbury Hospital for the first time.

The Cancer Centre will house a range of cancer services, including chemotherapy, surgery, and facilities for outpatient appointments.

There will be 12 chemotherapy treatment spaces at the new cancer centre.

The detailed service plan will be determined following consultation with clinicians and patients.

The new Centre means residents in the north-east will have access to critical cancer services, closer to home.

The centre will be open and providing services by the end of 2025.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will also implement a new SA Cancer Plan, after future planning for cancer services was ignored by the Liberals for the past four years.

## A NEW WOODLEIGH HOUSE:

## SAVING MENTAL HEALTH AT MODBURY

PART OF OUR  
300 MORE  
BEDS POLICY

COST: \$53.7 million

Instead of scrapping Woodleigh House, Labor will SAVE Woodleigh house – rebuilding and expanding the facility to 24 beds.

Clinicians tell us what's most urgently needed to address long, and often harmful, hospital stays and bed block leading to ramping, are more mental health rehabilitation beds.

These are beds targeted at more complex mental health conditions; South Australians who need several weeks of care to stabilise and receive the help they need.

The 24-bed build will be combined with the already-budgeted 20-bed older persons mental health building, and will result in a total of 44 mental health beds at Modbury.

This more than doubles the current capacity of mental health beds at Modbury Hospital. The new mental health beds will be open by mid-2025.

Labor's commitment saves adult mental health services in the North East, ensuring that South Australians experiencing mental health crisis can receive the treatment they need closer to home. It responds to the community outrage since the Government announced their plan to close Woodleigh House and its 20 beds last year.





## 48 SUB-ACUTE BEDS

COST: \$87 million

**PART OF OUR  
300 MORE  
BEDS POLICY**

Labor will fully fund an extra 48 permanent beds at Modbury Hospital.

These additional sub-acute beds will directly contribute to fixing the ramping crisis, by freeing up acute beds and spaces in emergency, allowing patients more appropriate environments for recovery and rehabilitation.



