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Future

More
Adelaide
Hills Ambos



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Labor

A Malinauskas Labor Government will:

DELIVER MORE ADELAIDE HILLS AMBOS

A Malinauskas Labor Government will invest \$12.5 million to recruit 30 additional paramedics and ambulance officers for the Adelaide Hills. We will also spend \$4.5 million to build a new ambulance station in the Mount Barker area to address large ambulance coverage gaps across the region.

- ✓ A new 24/7 emergency ambulance crew based in Mount Barker (12 paramedics), commencing in 2022/23.
- ✓ A new 12-hour regional transfer crew based in Mount Barker (3 paramedics and 3 ambulance officers), commencing in 2023/24.
- ✓ A new 24/7 emergency ambulance crew (12 paramedics) based in Strathalbyn for the first time and commencing in 2025, supporting the fantastic work of local volunteers.
- ✓ A new \$4.5 million Mount Barker ambulance station to address the significant needs of this fast-growing community.

This represents an investment of \$17 million.

The Mount Barker and Strathalbyn communities have long called for more paramedics, with recent tragedies and stories from paramedics on the job making the lack of nearby ambulances an even starker reality.

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.



Peter Malinauskas MP
SA Labor Leader

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Strathalbyn publican Stacey Butler told media about the day her employee was asked by the SA Ambulance Service to find a defibrillator to save a man in cardiac arrest, because there was no ambulance nearby.

Stacey tragically also lost a friend in 2020 after he waited 32 minutes for an ambulance following a choking incident at her pub.

Why SA paramedics turned to one Adelaide Hills pub during recent medical emergency

A South Australian hotel worker has recalled the moment the state's ambulance service called him to ask for their defibrillator to help save a person's life.

Nine News, 17 September, 2021

Mount Barker paramedic Nick Brockhoff spoke publicly about his experiences on the job last month, saying "the system is under so much strain We're absolutely drained."

'Absolutely drained' Hills ambos call for extra crews as Covid strains existing resources

Providing critical care in emergency situations is becoming near impossible, SA paramedics say, with claims up to 30 shifts go uncovered amid an escalating Covid crisis.

Messenger, 6 January, 2022

In November last year another paramedic, Sam, spoke about his recent near-miss experience:

"I had this patient recently with breathing problems ... and we rocked up and, thank God we had ... because there were no other crews ... she would have died with her grandchildren there ... it just makes you think, why are we doing this to people?"

'Game of roulette': Paramedics call on state government to end Adelaide Hills ambulance crisis

There's only one ambulance to serve a growing Hills community and paramedics say they are forced to 'roll the dice' on who will get care.

Messenger, 2 November, 2021

Labor's \$17 million commitment to fund 30 new paramedics and ambulance officers and build a new ambulance station for Mount Barker is a long overdue investment for people living in the Adelaide Hills.

Labor wants residents in this region to have confidence that when they call for help in an emergency they will get that assistance quickly.

