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# The Australian Government's Regional Cancer Centres Initiative

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# Investment in cancer infrastructure

*- 2009-10 Federal Budget -*



- \$1.3b package for cancer initiatives under the Health and Hospitals Fund;
- 2 new Integrated Cancer Centres: Parkville \$426m, Lifehouse, RPA \$100m;
- \$560m for Regional Cancer Centres;
- \$70m to expand Garvan Cancer Centre;
- \$120m to update BreastScreen Australia's mammography equipment.



# Regional Cancer Centres

*- the aim of the program -*

To bring basic treatment and care as close to home as possible, either by providing services within the region or by continuing treatment started in specialist metropolitan services.





# Regional Cancer Centres

*- \$560m over 5 years-*

To build a network of around 10 best practice new or enhanced Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) to optimise outcomes for patients in rural and regional Australia. One will be in the ACT, serving the local and South East region.





# The Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF)

## - *infrastructure proposals* -

- HHF funding proposals are assessed by the independent HHF Advisory Board. For spending to occur, the Board must advise the Government that proposals satisfy the HHF Evaluation Criteria.
- In assessing proposals against the Criteria, the Board will use guidelines developed for the RCC process and based on the RCC principles.





# HHF Principles

*- number 1-*

Projects should address national infrastructure priorities.





# HHF Principles

- *number 2* -

Projects should demonstrate high benefits and effective use of resources.





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# HHF Principles

- *number 3* -

Projects should efficiently address infrastructure needs.





# HHF Principles

- *number 4* -

Projects should demonstrate that they achieve established standards in implementation and management.





# Expert Group on RCCs - *cancer community input* -

- Ministerially appointed time limited group;
- Chaired by Professor Jim Bishop, CMO;
- Representation from HHF Advisory Board, CCA, Cancer Voices, Cancer Australia, DoHA;
- Input and advice on guiding principles;
- Minister approves all final documents.





# The consultation phase

- *the chance to comment* -



- Consultation on the draft guiding principles for RCCs will be subject to release by the Government;
- The HHF assessment criteria are fixed and will be part of the Invitation to Apply process;
- Assessment of applications for RCCs is by the HHF Advisory Board.