



# Victorian Budget 2020/21

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# Funding overview

The Victorian Budget 2020/21 is investing over **\$9 billion in health services, programs and agencies** over the next four years to strengthen the health system and ensure all Victorians have access to world-class health care no matter their age or where they live.

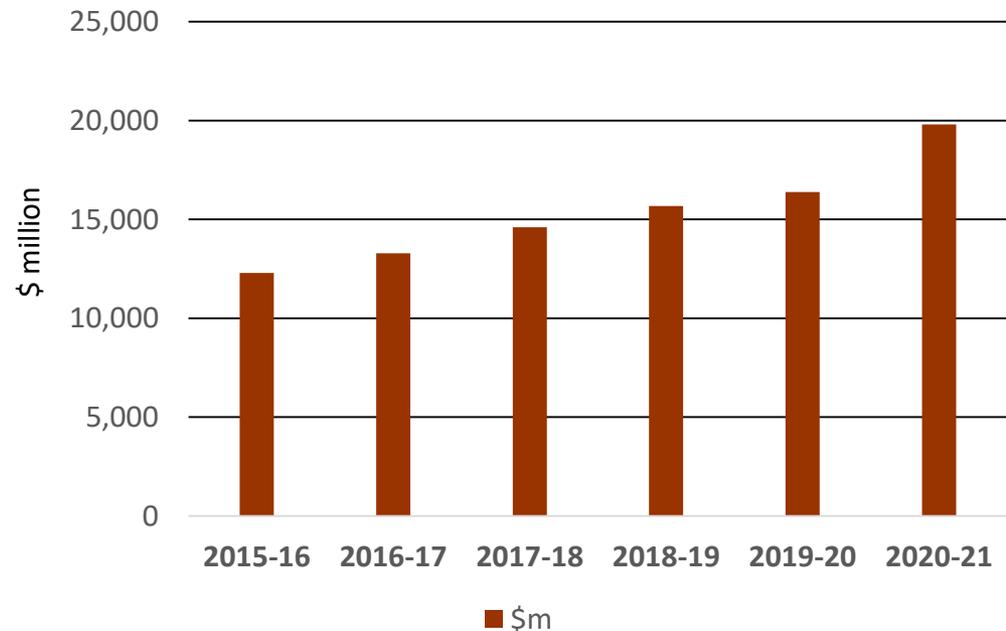
- **\$7.2 billion in output funding** delivering on a range of key initiatives including funding to deliver more services for Victorian patients, provide better care at home, improve rural health outcomes, and increase public health and wellbeing.
- **\$2.0 billion in asset funding** including a major investment in building hospitals and other health infrastructure.



# Budget growth

- In 2020/21 the Andrews Labor Government is investing **\$19.8 billion** in the Health portfolio.
- This investment is a 21% increase compared to 2019-20, and a 71.3% increase compared to six years ago.

Acute Health Services, Primary and Community Health, Public Health and Drug Services output targets



***Andrews Labor Government investment in health***

# Better outcomes for patients

In total, the *Victorian Budget 2020/21* delivers **\$2.8 billion** output funding investment for better patient outcomes, including:

- **\$2.8 billion** to meet demand and support hospitals as we transition to COVID-normal including;
  - ✓ **\$300 million** for an elective surgery blitz
  - ✓ **\$121 million** to help people get care closer through our Better at Home initiative



# Building better hospitals and services

The Andrews Labor Government's 2020/21 Budget provides an investment of **\$2.0 billion in hospital upgrades and health facilities**, including:

- **\$562 million** to expand Frankston Hospital
- **\$200 million** for a new Metropolitan Health Infrastructure Fund
- **\$160 million** for guaranteeing future energy supply at Victorian hospitals
- **\$85 million** to upgrade and replace medical equipment in rural, regional and metropolitan hospitals
- **\$75 million** for the first stage of the new Melton Hospital
- **\$66.1 million** for ten new community hospitals

## Building better hospitals and services (cont.)

The investment also includes:

- **\$40 million** to improve energy efficiency in public hospitals
- **\$30 million** for the clinical technology refresh program

Funding has been provided to undertake planning activities, including:

- **\$10 million** to redevelop the Royal Melbourne Hospital and help activate the Arden Renewal Precinct in North Melbourne
- **\$4.8 million** to undertake service and capital planning for the future expansion of the Werribee Mercy Hospital.
- **\$4.5 million** for planning and design of the expansion of the Angliss Hospital

# Investing in Regional Victoria

- **\$384.2 million** for the Warrnambool Base Hospital redevelopment
- **\$217 million** for the Latrobe Regional Hospital redevelopment
- **\$32.4 million** to improve rural health outcomes
- **\$5 million** for a grant to construct a new 20 bed private respite service at Anam Cara House Geelong, to provide an alternative setting for end of life care needs.
- **\$5.2 million** to purchase land and plan for the future expansion of Maryborough Hospital
- **\$3.6 million** in funding to commence planning for a new Women's and Children Hospital in Geelong
- **\$7.6 million** to fund the development of Wangaratta Hospital

## Regional Health Infrastructure Fund



More than 362 projects supported with our \$350 million investment across rural and regional Victoria.

The Andrews Labor Government is building on this investment, with an extra \$120 million to improve hospitals and local health services across the State.

# Investing in public health and wellbeing

In addition, the Government is investing in public health and maternal child health. Key initiatives include:

- **\$23 million** to continue to provide access to the Voluntary Assisted Dying scheme.
- **\$20.6 million** to continue the expansion of the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies program to rural and regional areas and to respond to demand pressures for maternal and child health services.
- **\$16.7 million** to continue our commitment to medicinal cannabis treatments.
- **\$7.5 million** to assist Very Special Kids to build a new world-class eight-bed pediatric respite facility in Malvern.



# Boosting Aboriginal health and wellbeing

The Victorian Government will also do more to partner with Aboriginal health organisations and health services to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal Victorians across the state and create jobs.

Key initiatives involving the Health portfolio include:

- **\$22.6 million** to deliver immediate support to Victorian Aboriginal communities during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic across the Health, Human Services and Aboriginal Affairs portfolios
- **\$40 million** to establish a service delivery fund across health and human services that will provide Aboriginal controlled organisations with resources to hire additional staff in priority areas.

# Alcohol and Drug Services

The Government is investing in drug treatment and rehabilitation. Key initiatives include:

- **\$25.6 million** to provide new specialist alcohol and other drug response positions to support clients facing extended time on wait lists for residential alcohol and other drug (AOD) services, and provide targeted services for at-risk cohorts who are disengaged from treatment during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- **\$16 million** to commence implementation of a health-based approach to public intoxication and expanding Aboriginal Community Controlled Services.
- **\$5.4 million** to support the implementation of responses to the review of the supervised injecting room trial, including the establishment of a second supervised injecting room in the City of Melbourne.
- **\$4.4 million** to further increase capacity and operationalise new AOD residential rehabilitation beds in Corio, Wangaratta and Traralgon.

# Responding to the pandemic

The Andrews Labor Government has invested over **\$2.9 billion** in health initiatives to support Victoria's COVID-19 pandemic response.

This includes vital investments in the public health response:

- expanded public health resources, including a massive expansion in our contact tracing capability
- support for our hospitals to test and treat, and keep frontline workers and their families safe
- significant increase in testing capacity and optimising pathology and supply chain processes.
- Operation Drasi and Operation Benessere
- single digital platform for whole of government data and analytics