

NSW Labor to provide \$100 million for a paediatric surgical centre at Campbelltown Hospital - without privatising the electricity network

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A Foley Labor Government will provide \$100 million for a new paediatric surgical centre at Campbelltown Hospital – without privatising our electricity network.

The Paediatric Surgical Centre will include:

- Enhanced paediatric outpatient services;
- Increase paediatric anaesthesia; and
- Enlarged theatre space.

The funding for the Centre will be reserved in Labor's \$3 billion Education and Health Fund – part of Labor's fully-funded \$10.055 billion A Better Way infrastructure package that is not reliant on privatisation of the electricity network.

Labor's plan to establish a paediatric surgical centre at Campbelltown Hospital, by expanding the existing paediatric surgery, will respond to the South Western Local Health District (SWLHD) being the fastest growing health district in metropolitan Sydney.

It will complement Westmead and Sydney Children's hospitals and will one day become Sydney's third paediatric hospital.

Quotes attributable to NSW Opposition Leader Luke Foley:

“Labor has a new approach to delivering the health services local communities need.

“Families in south west Sydney should have the best medical care available locally – and only Labor will ensure that these services are delivered.

“We want to ensure that in regional cities like Campbelltown, the paediatric services are in place and ready to support the region's new families and growing population.”

Quotes attributable to Shadow Minister for Health Minister Walt Secord:

“A Paediatric Surgical Centre in South Western Sydney is on the Liberals' electricity privatisation blackmail list – and Labor will deliver it without the risky privatisation of the electricity network.

“More than one in ten babies born in NSW are delivered in South Western Sydney hospitals – Campbelltown Hospital has around 2,800 births a year and a Foley Labor Government will

ensure its has the dedicated resources needed to keep doing that good work bringing newborn babies into the world.”

Quotes attributable to Labor Candidate for Campbelltown Greg Warren:

“As a father of a young family I’ve had personal experiences with paediatric services at Campbelltown Hospital and I’ve been campaigning very hard for these services to be expanded.to supporting our growing community.

“Only a Foley Labor Government will improve our health services without privatising our electricity network and driving up family power bills.”

Key Facts:

More than 13 per cent of all babies born in NSW are born in South Western Sydney, Campbelltown Hospital has around 2,800 births a year.

Paediatric surgeons are the only surgeons who exclusively diagnose, treat and care for children. They perform the majority of surgery in children, including newborns, which is often extremely complex.

Examples of common paediatric surgery procedures include hernia repair, testicular surgery and congenital malformation.

The surgical centre will service Sydney’s southwest, the Macarthur region along with the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands.

It will complement Westmead and Sydney Children’s hospitals and will one day become Sydney’s third paediatric hospital. However, it will not diminish or reduce services at the other two major children’s hospitals.

A final decision on project design and funding will be made on the basis of expert advice from medical and health professionals, with details finalised after a rigorous business case.

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