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# Building a Better Health Infrastructure

## MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR HEALTH FACILITIES ACROSS THE ACT

The new capital works budget for 2000-2001 will contain \$10.1 million for improving health facilities across the ACT, the Minister for Health and Community Care, Michael Moore, said today.

*"We need to upgrade our health facilities to keep up-to-date with new technology and the changes in our population,"* Mr Moore said.

This year's capital works budget features Stage 2 of the upgrade of Calvary Hospital as well as some smaller, but equally important, improvements in community health centres.

*"Overall, the capital works will ensure that the people of the ACT and surrounding region have access to the best health care in the best health-care facilities,"* Mr Moore said.

Examples of some of these projects are provided below.

### *Calvary Hospital*

The ACT Government will commit \$13.9 million over two years for Stage 2 of the refurbishment of Calvary Hospital.

These improvements will continue the redevelopment of non in-patient areas at this hospital and will help the Hospital keep pace with new technology and the growing needs of our population.

The project will include a new day procedures unit, an ambulatory care unit with a focus on women's health, digitising medical records to aid in the integration of medical records across the ACT, upgrades to diagnostic equipment and the Hospital pharmacy, and other building works to lift the general standard of the Hospital.

Even with generous Government funding more money is needed for 'state-of-the-art' equipment and facilities in the new departments.

The *Spirit of Calvary* Capital Development Campaign, a fund-raising campaign run by the local business community, will raise additional funds for medical equipment and facilities.

Including the Stage 1 refurbishment of Calvary Hospital, the ACT Government will have committed almost \$25 million to upgrading Calvary Hospital since 1997-98.

### ***The Canberra Hospital***

The Government will commit \$3.1 million over two years for the further development of accommodation for the research and development activities of the Canberra Clinical School at The Canberra Hospital.

### ***Tuggeranong Health Centre***

Dental facilities at the Tuggeranong health centre will be improved in a project to cost \$0.3 million.

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