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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**GOVERNMENT RESTORES THE HEALTH PROTECTION SERVICE'S HOLDER BUILDING**

ACT Health Minister Simon Corbell today announced a \$1 million ACT Government capital works project to refurbish the roof of the existing Health Protection Service building at Holder.

"Much of the existing building was destroyed during the January 2003 bushfires," Mr Corbell said.

"The roof of the existing Health Protection Service building at Holder leaks, and its 18 individual air conditioning units have required excessive maintenance.

"A new, pitched roof will be built over the existing roof, with sufficient space beneath it to house a new air conditioning and heating plant to address longstanding issues of air quality and breakdown.

"The existing building needs to be upgraded to ensure consistency of service, and an appropriate environment for the laboratories."

The existing Health Protection Service building in Holder is an old school building refurbished in 1998 to accommodate specialist laboratory and testing equipment.

This initiative complements rebuilding of the remainder of the Health Protections Service's headquarters, which is scheduled for completion in 2005.

The new Health Protection Service headquarters will replace the accommodation lost in the fire.

This new project will provide a modern office environment for the administrative functions of the Health Protection Service.

**Statement ends**

