



ACT Government
2003-2004 BUDGET

**CANBERRA CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTRE
SOON TO BE A REALITY**

\$4.05 million in the 2003-2004 Budget will deliver Canberrans a dedicated children's hospital within the precinct of The Canberra Hospital, provisionally named the Canberra Children's Medical Centre.

"This major redevelopment project will deliver integrated care for children and a safer and more effective environment for their care by consolidating all paediatric inpatient and non-inpatient services into a dedicated children's hospital on campus at The Canberra Hospital (TCH), Health Minister Simon Corbell said.

"Younger patients staying at TCH will become a lot more comfortable with this significant funding injection for the paediatric wards in this Budget's Capital Works Program.

"The estimated cost of this project is \$4.050 million with expenditure over two years - \$1.65 million in 2003/04 and \$2.4 million in 2004/05.

The project will see the continued refurbishment of the existing paediatric wards, consolidating all paediatric inpatient and non-inpatient services on Levels 4 and 5 of TCH. It will also continue the work that commenced in 2002-2003 after donations provided by the CFMEU and Ronald MacDonald House Charities were used to facilitate the "Parent as Carer" program.

Statement ends.

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