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DELIVERING ON LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

This week, Port Macquarie MP Peter Besseling and myself have welcomed more than \$12 million in local health spending...

On hospitals:

- ✓ \$3.7 million for 10 new beds at Port Macquarie Base hospital
- ✓ \$600,000 to complete project plans for the Port Macquarie Base Hospital's Fourth Pod
- ✓ \$200,000 in capital works for Wauchope District Hospital to support the transfer of the Palliative Care Service from Port Macquarie.
- ✓ \$500,000 for the 'Hospital in the Home' Program, including 10 new Transition Aged Care Services, extra Community Acute/Post Acute care places and more Community Packages
- ✓ \$290,000 for new emergency department and surgical equipment

And on GP services:

- ✓ \$7 million to build a GP Superclinic in Port Macquarie
- ✓ \$150,000 to upgrade Hastings Medical Centre in Wauchope

In just two short years, we've got the Commonwealth engaged in health services on the Mid-North Coast like never before.

Let's keep it going!

New health funding:

More than \$17 million announced for new hospital and GP services in our region is great news, but this is very much the beginning, not the end, and we continue to work on building a better health mix for the Mid-North Coast.



Expanding GP services:

Dr Sam Nelapati is getting ready to open extensions at the Lake Cathie Medical Centre - funded with the help of a \$500,000 Commonwealth grant.



Talking health reform:

Australian Medical Association President Dr Andrew Pesce wants the Commonwealth engaged in our local health services. And so do I! Here, we are talking reform, along with Andrew's memories of delivering babies at Manning Base hospital in the early 1990s.

