

RE-OPENING THE REPAT

**A STRONG PLAN
FOR REAL CHANGE.**



We're ready.

Over the last four years, we've been working hard developing our vision for the future of South Australia.

Not just policies, but a series of achievable milestones that have been crafted for the long-term benefit of our state.

Our focus will be

**MORE JOBS.
LOWER COSTS.
BETTER SERVICES.**

We've got a strong plan for real change.

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WHAT WE'LL DO

A Marshall Liberal Government will reopen the Repat as a genuine health precinct, providing hospital and other health services.

The Repat site has substantial, quality health facilities – a number of which have been built or refurbished in recent years at taxpayers' expense.

Our state's health services cannot afford to lose access to these valuable assets.

We will:

- Reopen operating theatres to reduce the elective surgery waiting list
- Reopen the hydrotherapy pool to support community health
- Use Ward 18 as an older persons' mental health facility to provide accommodation for people who until recently would have been admitted to Oakden

- Build a new older persons' mental health facility for people with Tier 7, extreme BPSD (behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia)

A Marshall Liberal Government will ensure that the assets on the Repat site are put to their best value use, supporting hospital and health services.

We will amend planning regulations to ensure that, even if the Repat site is sold, it will remain dedicated to health care services.

We will strive to infuse the renewed campus with the culture of the old Repat.

We will redevelop the Repat as a centre of excellence in health with services provided by SA Health and a range of other providers.

We will reclaim the Repat.

WHY WE'RE DOING IT

Labor promised it would never, ever close the Repatriation General Hospital.

But it did - in November 2017.

Our state's health services, particularly our southern metropolitan health network, cannot afford to lose these valuable assets. Some are needed to address current problems – for example, with a massive backlog in elective surgery, the Repat operating theatres should be used to bring the current backlog under control. At present there are more than 1700 overdue operations in Adelaide, three times as many as this time last year.

Ward 18 could help deal with the shortage of suitable accommodation for older people with behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia – people who until recently would have been admitted to Oakden.

Despite widespread community opposition, the Weatherill Labor Government rezoned the Repat site opening it up to commercial, industrial and residential development.

The Weatherill Labor Government has entered into a contract to sell the entire site to aged care provider, ACH Group, who have flagged they want the site to include substantial residential development, student accommodation, and retail outlets.

But Labor's failure to complete the sale of the site before the election means the future of the site will be decided by the government elected on March 17.

If the government is Liberal, the Repat site will be a campus for health and hospital services.

If Labor is elected the sale is likely to go ahead as planned and valuable public health assets lost.

Labor has categorically ruled out reopening the Repat theatres or other acute services.

March 17 is "Repat Referendum Day".



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