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HEALTH REFORM DELIVERING FOR SOUTHERN ADELAIDE

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth is pleased that the Australian Government is taking action through its National Health and Hospitals Network to expand and enhance medical facilities in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide.

Ms Rishworth said “Doctors in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide may now apply for grants of up to \$500,000 to expand their medical practice to provide training and extra services to the community.

“Primary Care Infrastructure Grants will enable existing medical facilities to expand or upgrade space for GPs, nurses or allied health professionals to improve care for patients in our community.

“Unfortunately, Mr Abbott has promised the Liberal party will cut back these important investments, planning to deny the expansion of vital health services in our community.

“I’m delighted my local GPs will be able to apply for these grants to expand the capacity of general practice in the community. It would be a real shame for the Liberals to stop us getting our share of these funds.”

Ms Rishworth said that three levels of funding ranging up to \$500,000 are available for capital works projects that support:

- Expanding or upgrading a practice to increase the number of doctors, nurses or allied health staff;
- Expanding services to the communities, including after hours services; and
- Training of new doctors and other health professionals together in a GP Super Clinic-style facility.

“I would encourage any local practices in the Southern region interested in applying for the program to contact my office for further information,” said Ms Rishworth.

Further details on the Australian Government’s *Primary Care Infrastructure Grants* is available by visiting www.health.gov.au.