



# Amanda Rishworth MP

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### South locals say they urgently need a GP Super Clinic

Over a thousand locals have called for a GP Super Clinic in the South, according to surveys and petitions organised by the Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP. Southern Adelaide Division of General Practice statistics from 2007 say that some areas of Kingston have only one GP for every 5,521 people.

“Everywhere I go in the South, I talk to people sick and tired of waiting up to three or four weeks just to see their local GP”, Ms Rishworth said.

“One GP for 5,521 people is simply unacceptable and given that it can take 50 minutes to travel from one part of the City of Onkaparinga to another, it’s just not reasonable to expect seniors and people with disabilities to travel to the other end of Onkaparinga just to see a doctor.

“While the Rudd Government is consulting widely, the comments made on Wednesday evening by Ms Capolingua simply do not reflect what the situation is like on the ground in the South

“Similar clinics built by the State Government have resulted in a 13 per cent reduction of presentations to the accident and emergency unit at the local hospital. This clinic will help to take the pressure off Noarlunga Hospital and provide a faster and more effective service for patients

“Unlike traditional GP clinics, the new Super Clinic will allow for the co-location of teams of health professionals with GPs including dietitians, physiotherapists and psychologists

“As a former practising psychologist, I understand how much easier it is for patients when all these services are under the one roof rather than having to run around from one office to another

The Rudd Government is investing \$12.5 million in building the Onkaparinga GP Super Clinic as part of its \$2.5 billion *Health and Hospitals Reform Plan*.