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MORPHETT VALE TO BENEFIT FROM MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE MRI SERVICES

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, today confirmed that Morphett Vale will benefit from the Federal Government's plan to expand the Medicare-eligible Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services.

MRI uses strong magnetic fields to generate images to assist in diagnosing illnesses. It is especially effective on soft tissue, making it important for diseases such as cancer and strokes.

The Rudd Government appreciates that patients and communities value access to affordable MRI services. Expanding Medicare-eligible MRI services will improve access to this important diagnostic tool for many communities.

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth said she was pleased that Morphett Vale would be benefiting from this important service being coming to the local community.

Ms Rishworth said, "I have been advised that the Department of Health and Ageing is moving forward with the necessary processes to achieve Medicare-eligible MRI services in Morphett Vale.

"I look forward to keeping the community updated on the progress of establishment of an MRI machine for our local community," said Ms Rishworth.

Where appropriate, the processes commenced by the previous Government will be continued.

This is another part of Labor's comprehensive plan to deliver better health care to working families – and an important step towards building a better health system for a modern Australia.