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Local M.P. and Minister meet residents to discuss G.P. Super Clinic

The Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, and the Minister for Health and Aging, the Hon. Nicola Roxon, today announced an exciting new consultation meeting with the local community about the development of the Noarlunga GP Super Clinic.

Local residents and community spokespeople are invited to share their opinions with Ms Rishworth this Wednesday 30 July at the Southern Adelaide Football Club from 10am – 12 noon.

“This meeting is such an important opportunity for Kingston residents to have their say about the development of the GP Super Clinic” Ms Rishworth said.

“Since being elected as Member for Kingston, over 770 South residents have rightfully highlighted to me the importance of addressing the southern suburbs GP shortage as their number one issue. “

With the ongoing support of the community, Ms Rishworth has worked hard to successfully lobby the Government for a GP Super Clinic to be built in the Kingston Electorate.

Information on the GP Super Clinics program will be provided at the consultation meeting.

“Primarily, these clinics are designed to meet the needs of people suffering from chronic disease and pain.”

“Illnesses related to smoking, poor diet and obesity are prevalent in the South and our goal is to establish the Super Clinic to address these issues,” Minister Roxon said.

“Both the Federal and State Government have agreed upon a matched commitment to ensure this project is successful,” Ms Rishworth said.

“But equally important is that we consult with the health workforce in the area, such as local GP’s and the Flinders Medical Centre.”

“This meeting is about bringing people together, to speak directly with residents, and plan to establish a clinic that meets the health needs and health priorities of the Kingston electorate.” Ms Rishworth said.

The Rudd Government’s \$12.5 million Kingston GP Super Clinic funding commitment will help build a stronger primary care system, including a greater focus on the management of chronic disease, health promotion and illness prevention and better coordination between privately provided GP services, allied health, community health and other state government services.

“The aim is to establish a clinic that suits the needs of the local community in the South.”

Information gathered at the meeting will be incorporated into the planning of the Super Clinic.