

Labor commits to boost walk-in centres to a network of five

A re-elected Labor government will build a new nurse-led walk-in health centre in Canberra's inner north, taking the number of new centres to three across the city, and creating a network of five centres in total.

This is in stark contrast to the Canberra Liberals who won't build any of these popular services, and will instead begin closing them down if they are elected.

Healthcare has always been a priority for ACT Labor. That's why we've already built two free walk-in centres in Belconnen and Tuggeranong, which saw more than 30,000 patients last year. And it's why our 10 year plan for health will see us build a network of five of these services, opening three more in Gungahlin, Weston Creek, and now the inner north, if re-elected.

Labor's candidates in the Kurrajong electorate have been hard at work advocating for health services in the inner north, and this commitment today is testament to their advocacy for the local community. Labor candidates will deliver for Kurrajong.

While Labor is focussed on expanding the nurse-led walk-in health centre model, the Liberals would take health care in Canberra backwards by forcing people to pay more for health care.

The Canberra Liberals have never supported the community's nurse-led walk in health centres, they don't respect nurses, and they want to privatise our health services – it's in their ultra-conservative DNA.

We know the Canberra Liberals are talking to private health providers about their pretend hospitals in the suburbs plan – the same provider that is involved in the privatisation of hospitals in NSW.

ACT Labor led the nation by opening free nurse-led walk-in centres, which have given Canberrans more convenient choices when it comes to their health care, and we have a comprehensive 10 year plan to make our health system even better.

Labor's walk-in health centres offer free one-off advice and treatment for people with minor illness and injury. No appointments are necessary and the centres are open every day of the year from 7:30am to 10pm.

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