By the time our State turns 200 years old, I want South Australia to be a place of prosperity.

Planning and delivering on my vision for a better future starts now.

This policy is just part of our plan to deliver a clear and responsible pathway to recovery and success.

See where it fits in below

1.0 GROWING OUR ECONOMY

2.0 THE BEST EDUCATION SYSTEM

3.0 BEING A HEALTHY STATE

  3.1 Protecting your health
  3.2 Delivering person-centred care
  3.4 Making health care accessible across the city and across the State

4.0 STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

5.0 BUILDING OUR STATE

6.0 ENSURING SAFETY AND JUSTICE

7.0 PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

8.0 EMBRACING OUR UNIQUE CULTURE

9.0 RUNNING AN EFFICIENT AND STABLE GOVERNMENT
“We will act to secure cardiac services at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital.”
THE PROBLEM

Labor has failed to secure cardiac services in Adelaide’s western suburbs.

The population of western Adelaide is one of the most elderly on mainland Australia.

Treatment of heart disease will increasingly be a high priority in the area.

Yet, the Weatherill Labor Government is driving a major downgrade of The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) cardiac services as part of its Transforming Health cuts plan.

Despite a ‘big announcement’ just before the budget, Labor has not matched its words with action to undo the damage.

Labor has no plan for future cardiac services at TQEH. Cardiac services are still at risk of falling over.

The chaos and uncertainty of the Weatherill Government’s Transforming Health cuts are continuing in Adelaide’s western suburbs.
THE STATE LIBERALS’ PLAN

A Marshall Liberal Government will act decisively to strengthen TQEH as a key cardiac centre.

If elected in March 2018, a Marshall Liberal Government will act decisively to strengthen TQEH as a key cardiac centre with a focus on the common acute and chronic cardiac conditions of an ageing population.

We are committed to a single cooperative cardiac service within the Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN), delivering a range of services at both TQEH and RAH sites.

We will establish statewide planning of cardiac services which will enable TQEH to play its part in the delivery of quality, safe cardiac services.

We will:

• ensure that TQEH has the capacity to deal with cardiac emergencies with a cardiac cath lab available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
• deliver a joint cardiac emergency service across TQEH and the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH), supported by cardiologists beyond CALHN as required. On-call teams would respond to either site with the triage of emergency cases driven by patient outcomes
• maintain around 15 cardiac inpatient beds at TQEH, expected to rise to 20 with demand, including a dedicated Coronary Care Unit and a dedicated cardiac step-down ward
• replace the equipment in the main cardiac catheterisation laboratory and ensure at least two echocardiography machines at TQEH
• actively recruit staff to TQEH cardiac services, recognising that Transforming Health has led to a depletion of experienced staff
• work with the University of Adelaide to coordinate heart health research within the CALHN, engaging the Basil Hetzel Institute, SAHMRI, TQEH and RAH, with a strong focus on translational research
• commission annual clinical audits to assess the timely and appropriate use of cardiac investigations and the impact on patient outcomes
• establish a statewide clinical network to guide the development and coordination of public and private cardiac services to ensure that South Australia is well placed to respond to an increasing rate of heart disease and to embrace emerging areas of cardiac care
• support the Board of CALHN to oversee the development of cardiac services within the network based on the clinical audits and the work of the statewide clinical network.

This commitment to strengthen TQEH cardiac services, like our commitment to Modbury Hospital, demonstrates the vision of a Marshall Liberal Government to ensure accessible, quality health services for South Australians through strong, cooperative relationships between the main metropolitan hospitals and other hospitals.
“We will strengthen The Queen Elizabeth Hospital as a centre for treatment of heart disease as part of a system-wide approach to improve services, research and patient outcomes.”

Steven Marshall, State Liberal Leader
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