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Federal Member for Newcastle

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**Hunter Medical Research Institute to Receive Healthy Funding**

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today welcomed the announcement of \$35 million in funding for the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) as part of the Rudd Labor Government's 2009 Federal Budget.

The funding, to begin in 2010, will be staged over the following four years and will allow the HMRI a guaranteed way forward in the continuation of its invaluable medical research.

"The securing of this funding is a great development for the HMRI and a great development for Newcastle," Ms Grierson said.

"The support and growth of knowledge-based, innovative organisations like HMRI in the Newcastle area adds further strength and diversification to the local economy, helping to see us through these tough economic times."

The funding will go towards the construction of a new, centralised site for the HMRI, adjoining the John Hunter Hospital.

Established in 1998, the HMRI runs a range of research programs, focusing on:

- brain and mental health
- cancer
- cardiovascular health
- information-based medicine
- public health
- pregnancy and reproduction
- viruses, infections/immunity, vaccines and asthma

"The HMRI provides a strong voice for health and medical research in Newcastle, further enhancing our region's strong international reputation in the industry," Ms Grierson said.

"I congratulate it on receiving this funding."

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