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LABOR TO DELIVER PET CANCER SCANNER MEDICARE LICENCE

Labor Leader Kevin Rudd and Health Spokesperson Nicola Roxon announced today that a Labor government will provide a Medicare licence for the Newcastle Mater Hospital's PET cancer scanner.

As part of our \$2 billion National Health Reform Plan, Labor's commitment will ensure patients of the Hunter region have the best quality care available locally to them.

"I look forward to delivering this project for Newcastle as its voice in a Rudd Labor Government," Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson said.

"Our commitment shows what local MPs and their communities can do when they consistently advocate for important projects."

"It's a great announcement for patients, families and health professionals, and shows how important people of Newcastle and the Hunter region are to Kevin Rudd and Labor."

"That Federal Labor will secure the PET Medicare licence after four years of inaction by the Howard Government also puts to bed the 'safe seats' myth."

"Kevin Rudd's fresh plans for Australia's future already include detailed policy commitments for Newcastle, like the PET scanner licence and \$50 million for the Australian Solar Institute."

"The people of Newcastle can only ensure these projects are delivered by electing strong local Labor representatives to a Rudd Labor Government."

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