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NEW HEALTH CLINICS FOR HUNTER REGION DEFENCE FAMILIES

The Hunter region will be home to two of the first group of Federal Labor's proposed Defence Family Healthcare Clinics.

The clinics will extend free GP and dental services to Defence spouses and dependants.

The two Hunter clinics will house a GP half of each day five days per week, a full time nurse, and a dentist and a dental nurse all day five days per week. The services will be free for all Defence families.

The Clinics will be based located near the Singleton Infantry Centre and RAAF Williamtown.

The proposal is part of a \$33.1 million proposal to roll our 12 clinics across Australia and will be expanded if the implementation proves successful.

The scheme will focus on regional and remote defence communities and is aimed at recognising the service of ADF personnel, the sacrifices their families make, and raising Defence Force retention rates.

Australia's national security will be a first priority for a Rudd Labor Government and taking care of ADF personnel and their families is crucial the defence of our nation.

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