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MORE NURSES FOR OUR HOSPITALS

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson says Labor’s plan to put 9,250 extra nurses into Australia’s hospital system is great news for Newcastle.

This \$81 million commitment will, within five years, provide:

- around 1,500 new graduate nurses, and
- cash bonuses to attract 7,750 trained nurses back to work in our hospitals.

“Hospitals like John Hunter are likely to benefit greatly from this announcement,” Ms Grierson said, “while it will also be an opportunity for Newcastle University to train more nurses locally.”

“People in Newcastle consistently tell me that they want a government that will invest in their healthcare needs.”

“However, after 11 years of the Howard Government our hospitals have a huge nursing shortfall, and the average age of nurses across the Hunter is approaching the mid-40s.”

“Labor’s plan will help train and retain the nursing workforce that we need to take pressure off our hospitals and deliver better health outcomes for the future.”

“This announcement builds on Labor’s commitment to end the buck passing with a \$2 billion National Health and Hospitals Reform Plan and our commitment to a full Medicare Licence for the Mater PET Scanner.”

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