



Shadow Minister for Health and Medicare

1 October 2018

Cr Turner
City of Melton
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Melton, VIC 3337



To Cr Turner,

Thank you for your letter of 26 September 2018 regarding the campaign to have a hospital established in Melton.

I understand this is a very important issue for the residents of Melton, a rapidly growing area of Victoria.

As previously discussed with yourself and your colleagues at the City of Melton in June, the Victorian Government provides determinations on where hospitals are to be located. They also have the responsibility for deciding what funding they allocate for the building of these hospitals. I welcome the Victorian Government's announcement that it will invest \$2.3 million to develop a business case for the building of a public hospital in Melton, the results of which we will watch with interest.

Since the Abbott/Turnbull/Morrison Government abolished Labor's Health and Hospitals Fund there has been no fund through which the Commonwealth provides capital for hospitals. We will however be happy to discuss this matter further with you once the Victorian State Government has finalised the business case for Melton Hospital.

Thank you again for your letter

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be "Catherine King", written over a blue line.

Catherine King
Shadow Minister for Health and Medicare