

	• (TBC names from palliative care stakeholders)
PAST INVOLVEMENT:	Nil
SENSITIVITIES:	Nil
ORDER OF CEREMONIES	<p>Master of Ceremonies – Not applicable (doorstop style event)</p> <p>9 am Senator Seselja, Minister Fitzharris and Mr Byron are greeted by Mr De' Ath and Ms Reid at the entrance to Clare Holland House.</p> <p>9.05 am Media opportunity commences with short tour of Clare Holland House led by Dr Kanathigoda.</p> <p>9.15 am Tour finishes and photo opportunity of Senator Seselja, Minister Fitzharris and Mr Byron meeting the family of recent patient of Clare Holland.</p> <p>9.20 am Doorstop style press conference set-up with Senator Seselja, Minister Fitzharris and Mr Byron for the announcement. Time for individual media interviews following.</p> <p>9.30 am Morning tea commences.</p> <p>10 am Function ends and Senator Seselja, Minister Fitzharris and Mr Byron free to depart.</p>
MEDIA:	A joint media alert and media release has been prepared for Senator Seselja and Minister Fitzharris.
SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS	ACT Health Facebook
OUTSTANDING REGULATORY ISSUES	N/A

SPEAKING NOTES

Announcement of funding for Clare Holland House expansion

9 am, Tuesday 25 September 2018

Clare Holland House, 5 Menindee Drive, Barton

Acknowledgements:

- Traditional owners;
- Senator for the ACT, the Honourable Zed Seselja
- Stephen Byron from the Snow Foundation
- Michael De'Ath, Director-General of ACT Health
- Barbara Reid, CEO of Calvary Public Hospital

Good morning everyone and thank you Dr Merchant for the introduction.

It is a pleasure to be here this morning for such a significant announcement for palliative care in the ACT.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we are meeting on today, the Ngunnawal people, and pay my respects to their elders past and present.

I acknowledge Senator for the ACT, Zed Seselja. And I also acknowledge Stephen Byron, here today from the Snow Foundation.

To members of our palliative care sector here today and to the staff from Clare Holland House, Calvary Healthcare and ACT Health, welcome also.

We all know that palliative care is a crucial health service – one that many of us will need at some point in our lives.

As Minister for Health and Wellbeing, I am very pleased to talk about the high quality palliative care services and the wonderful health care professionals we have here in the ACT.

I'm also pleased to be here this morning, in a special facility like Clare Holland House – much loved by the Canberra community and that provides incredible support to people and their families at a very difficult time.

We know that as our community grows and as our community ages, the number of people accessing palliative care services is growing as well.

That's why this \$6m major expansion of Clare Holland House is such a significant announcement for palliative care in the ACT.

I am pleased to say that the upgrade and extension will enable an increase in specialist inpatient palliative care beds, more family friendly features that enable loved ones to stay with patients on site, as well as support to enable an increase in community based palliative care services, including more space for staff and administrative support areas.

The ACT Government is also considering how best to increase investment in palliative care services, including expansion of palliative care services and we look forward to the conclusion of the Legislative Assembly's Inquiry into End of Life Choices to further inform this work. These two areas of work are perfectly timed.

The expansion of Clare Holland House will ensure our community continues to receive the highest quality care and dignity they deserve at the end of their life.

I would like to acknowledge the funding contributions of the Australian Government and the Snow Foundation – a new funding partnership that will see over \$6 million invested in the expansion.

In particular, I would like to thank the Snow Foundation for coming on board with such a generous donation to this important project.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Snow Foundation to establish a new fundraising initiative that will enable the community to contribute to the project, as well as the important work that Clare Holland House does into the future.

Before concluding today, let me reiterate commitment of the ACT Government to improving access to specialist palliative care services that provide people with care and support as their illness progresses or as it becomes more difficult to manage at home.

In recent years, the Government has provided additional investment, with increased support of home based palliative care packages, a new paediatric palliative care service to specifically address the needs of children and adolescents, as well as investment in more staff and education. And this is in addition to the funding we provide to support the important care that is provided here at Clare Holland House, thorough Calvary Healthcare.

Today's announcement of the expansion will build on this investment and is significant for palliative care in the ACT. I look forward to seeing how this project progress through the planning and design processes. And working with all of you to continue to invest in improving end of life care for all Canberrans.

It has been a pleasure to be here. Thank you.

ENDS



Meegan Fitzharris MLA

Minister for Health and Wellbeing
 Minister for Higher Education
 Minister for Medical and Health Research
 Minister for Transport
 Minister for Vocational Education and Skills

Member for Yerrabi

24 September 2018

Significant announcement on Clare Holland House

Attention news editors and chiefs of staff

Not for broadcast or distribution

Senator for the ACT the Honourable Zed Seselja, and Minister for Health and Wellbeing Meegan Fitzharris, will tomorrow (TUESDAY) make a significant announcement on Clare Holland House.

Clare Holland House is a hospice serving the ACT and the region. It is a specialist inpatient palliative care unit that provides care to people as their illness progresses or as it becomes more difficult to manage at home.

WHAT: Announcement on Clare Holland House

DATE: Tuesday 25 September 2018

TIME: 9 am

WHERE: Clare Holland House, 5 Menindee Drive, Barton ACT

Statement ends

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Portfolio/s: Health & Wellbeing**ISSUE: OPENING OF GUNGAHLIN WIC AND PLANS TO OPEN WESTON CREEK WIC****Talking points:**Gungahlin

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Key Information

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 - a 'self-service' renal dialysis facility which will remain as is;
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 - A Digital Hub servicing various other Territory facilities around the ACT which will remain as is; and
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Background Information

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Portfolio/s: Health and Wellbeing**ISSUE: UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA HOSPITAL: SPECIALIST CENTRE FOR REHABILITATION, RECOVERY AND RESEARCH****Talking Points**

- The University of Canberra Hospital: Specialist Centre for Rehabilitation, Recovery and Research (UCH) officially opened in July 2018 taking its first patients on 10 July 2018.
- Between 10 July 2018 and 13 November 2018 there have been 312 same day admitted patient episodes of care completed and 328 multi-day admitted patient episodes of care completed at UCH.
- On an adjacent site to UCH a multi storey car park was constructed with 400 parking spaces dedicated to UCH. Construction of the car park was completed and handed over to ACT Health on 6 July 2018. Additionally, there is underground and on-grade parking.
- During this reporting year ACT Health was in contract with Multiplex for the design and construction of UCH and with Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions for the Facilities Management of UCH.
- The UCH construction works were completed in two stages:
 - Milestone 1 was completed in November 2017; and
 - Milestone 2 (final) completion occurred on 14 February 2018.
- The facility was formally handed over from Multiplex to ACT Health at an event on 14 February 2018.
- Operational commissioning activities commenced 15 February 2018.

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Key Information

- In 2011-2012 a budget appropriation of \$4 million was allocated to Northside Hospital Specification and Documentation. In the 2013-2014 budget, a total of \$8.252 million was appropriated for design, bringing the total appropriation to date to \$12.252 million.
- A further \$200 million has been provided for total project funding. This has been re-purposed through Cabinet to \$192.270 million. Two Section 14A adjustments and a Project Variation Authority subsequently reduced this appropriation.

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