

MINISTER FOR HEALTH

HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE BOOST IN ARAFURA

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Health facilities in the Arafura electorate receive a welcome cash injection in Budget 2013.

Health Minister Robyn Lambley said the injection of additional funds for health services to four West Arnhem centres is in line with the Government's commitment to developing sustainable communities in remote and regional locations.

"Health services in remote Territory regions have been significantly enhanced in Budget 2013, combining responsible Government spending with needs-based infrastructure development," Mrs Lambley said.

"Maningrida, one of the Territory's largest communities, will receive enhanced health services in line with contemporary remote service and facility standards.

"Supported by the Commonwealth Health and Hospitals Fund, \$1.62 million will be spent enhancing security for staff and clients, developing an additional four consulting rooms, improving drug storage and enhancing the children's consulting area.

"It is anticipated the project will be completed by next year, providing a much-needed boost to services to a growing population."

Health clinics in the communities of Milikapiti, Minjilang and Nguiu will also be improved, with the essential replacement of air-conditioners at the three centres.

"The Member for Arafura, Francis Xavier, has been a regular visitor to my office pushing for additional health funding for services in West Arnhem," Mrs Lambley said.

"The provision of appropriate infrastructure to boost service delivery in remote regions will continue to be a priority of Government despite the tough budgetary position."

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