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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MODBURY HOSPITAL – NO MORE BANDAID SOLUTIONS**

Frances Bedford, Independent for Florey, again urges attention to the return of high-dependency and other service improvements at Modbury Hospital in the next term of State government.

“The residents of the north-east have stated loudly and clearly that they want high dependency services at Modbury. They also want the often announced extended emergency care (EEC) area to actually happen - with improvements to the triage area at the same time.”

“Upgrades to Woodleigh House are long overdue and provision of better mental health care needs must be a priority. The infrastructure upgrade to palliative care is welcome but there has been no commitment to staffing. It’s essential to ensure adequate staffing in the Emergency area as well as to appoint a new NALHN head who backs the community, rather than the disastrous Transforming Health cuts.”

In the lead up to the election campaign, both major parties have made announcements and promises but only the Liberal Party has committed to re-instating high dependency. High-dependency services remain the most important crucial point.

“It’s not safe NOT to have one at Modbury Hospital.”

“Without them, Modbury Hospital can still only see the ‘walking wounded’, with all serious cases still transferred to the Lyell McEwin - or further afield.”

“Labor has offered EEC – (for the third time!), multi-day surgery, acute medical and surgical undertakings (without full details) and upgrades to palliative care. It has also committed to repairs to the building. We know about the crumbling front corner, but we have not heard anything about the condition of the rest of the building. The new rehab centre is a winner, but needs to be part of a centre offering wider services to our ageing population.”

“Before the community makes a decision on March 17, they want to hear from SA Best too. Only then can we ensure which of the major parties will address the needs of the area.”

“Without a fully functioning Modbury Hospital, the system cannot deal with the health demands of the community – and that’s before we face winter again. Voters must seek absolute assurances about the return of services to Modbury Hospital.”

**Frances will join members of the Modbury Hospital Local Action Group and community reps at the main entrance to Modbury Hospital on Wednesday 21/2/18 at 9.30am with Dr Peter Ford (former AMA President and local GP) and SA Best representatives.**