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**GP SUPER CLINIC FOR BURNIE**

The Rudd Government has signed contract with Burnie Super Clinic Pty Ltd for \$2.5 million to establish the Burnie GP Super Clinic.

The Burnie GP Super Clinic will be a new, purpose-built structure located at 52-56 Bass Highway, Cooe, an area in western Burnie which is currently under-served by primary health care providers.

The clinic, which will start operations in the first half of 2010, will bring together GPs, practice nurses, allied health professionals and visiting specialists who will work in multidisciplinary teams to provide integrated health care services to meet the health needs and priorities of the local community.

The Burnie GP Super Clinic will accommodate more than four GPs, including a female GP, and will be open from 9.00am until 9.00pm weekdays, 10.00am to 4.00pm on weekends.

As part of delivering preventative health care and chronic disease management services, the Burnie GP Super Clinic will offer specific programs relating to smoking, nutrition and physical activity.

Clinics will also operate in which nurses and allied health practitioners will work with clients to support self-management of diabetes, musculoskeletal problems and mental health issues.

The Burnie GP Super Clinic will ease the burden on the Emergency Department of the North Western Regional Hospital and will also feature a dispensing pharmacy.

Bulk billing will be available to eligible patients.

The Minister for health and Ageing, Nicola Roxon, said GP Super Clinics will play an important role in improving frontline health services in communities such as Burnie.

“Burnie becomes the thirteenth GP Super Clinic contract to be signed with the Government,” Ms Roxon said.

Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom said it is a great win for Burnie to have such an important facility in an area where medical facilities are in high demand.

“The Coovee to Somerset region was in real need of more accessible health services, so I’m really pleased that this GP Super Clinic has been allocated for the region, Mr Sidebottom said.

“This GP Super Clinic will be accessible to the wider Burnie region as well.

“The signing off of the North-West Coast’s second GP Super Clinic comes a fortnight after the Devonport-based clinic was announced on April 9,” he said.

“The comprehensive services on offer at the clinic will take pressure of Accident and Emergency at the North-West Regional Hospital and people will now have greater access to after hours GP services,” Mr Sidebottom said.

GP Super Clinics are a \$275 million commitment of the Rudd Government, providing primary health care services when and where they are needed.

They are a key part of the Government’s plans to improve Australia’s health care system.

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