MINISTER FOR HEALTH

NEW HEALTH CLINIC FOR CANTEEN CREEK

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Budget 2013 commits the Territory Government to building a new health centre at the Canteen Creek community, about 300km south-east of Tennant Creek.

Health Minister, Robyn Lambley, said the $5.3 million clinic will replace the existing Canteen Creek facility, which has seriously passed its use-by date.

“The current health facility in Canteen Creek is a makeshift building on loan from the Education Department,” Mrs Lambley said.

“The planned replacement is an exciting opportunity for patients, staff and the broader community.

“The Country Liberals won Government on a platform of improving conditions in the bush and we are excited to be able to work with the Commonwealth to deliver essential infrastructure such as health clinics to remote communities,”

Financed under the Federal Government’s Health and Hospitals Fund, work on the new clinic is expected to commence next year.

“The new centre will mean significant improvements to primary health care delivery in line with contemporary services and facility standards,” Mrs Lambley said.

“Client privacy, cultural security, clinical workflows and operational efficiency are key elements to the new design, which build on many years of improvement to remote service delivery.

“The new centre will include an emergency room with 24-hour on-call access, separate male and female consulting rooms, children’s consulting rooms, drug storage and a multi-purpose room.

“Community leaders will be consulted as the project takes shape.”

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