John Elferink
Minister for Health

New $5 million health training facility for Alice Springs

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The Northern Territory Government will this year construct a $5 million training and teaching facility in Alice Springs, Minister for Health John Elferink said today.

The facility will be located at the Alice Springs Hospital site and allow staff to be trained using state-of-the art technology to replicate real emergency situations.

Mr Elferink said staff and visitors will reap the benefits of the new building which will include a 100-seat theatre as well as a clinical skills training room and two 25-seat tutorial training rooms.

“The space will also feature two video conferencing rooms, a student work area, offices and reception area,” Mr Elferink said.

“The new facility will mean that local people undertaking post-graduate studies can work and learn in Central Australia without having to travel interstate to further develop their skills.

"Some of the Territory’s greatest and brightest health practitioners come from Central Australia, and no doubt that with access to a modern training facility this will continue.

“This is great news for Alice Springs and goes a long way towards further improving health services in the town.”

Mr Elferink said the Country Liberals Government is focused on delivering better health outcomes for Territorians, and by creating a functional and suitable learning facility, we can ensure that we are developing well-trained medical staff.

“Investment in the local Alice Springs economy has come along in leaps and bounds, with significant projects such as the Supreme Court building and the construction of Alice Springs’ newest suburb, Kilgariff, coming to fruition,” he said.

The project will be delivered through Commonwealth funding and was announced during Budget 2014.

The project is currently out for tender and building is expected to commence around the middle of this year.

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