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WA Labor to build an integrated health hub for growing Byford community

- A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will build an integrated and multi-disciplinary health facility in the fast-growing Byford town centre
- Construction estimated to begin in 2021-22 and be completed by 2023-24
- Facility to include space for health services such as medical clinics, allied health and GPs, mental health, nurse practitioner, community midwife, treatment rooms, and education and training rooms
- New health hub will operate as a satellite facility for the Armadale Health Service

The rapidly growing Byford community will benefit from the construction of a multi-disciplinary health facility in the town centre as part of the METRONET activation project, if the McGowan Labor Government is re-elected in March.

The \$30.6 million two-storey facility will be digitally enabled and provide space for health services including medical clinics, allied health and GPs, mental health, nurse practitioner, community midwife, treatment rooms, and education and training rooms.

It will aim to provide services to address health issues being faced by the local community including chronic disease and high rates of potentially preventable hospitalisations, objectives which align with the recommendations of the Sustainable Health Review Final Report.

The integrated health hub will operate as a satellite facility for the Armadale Health Service.

Residents currently have to travel to Armadale to receive health services and with the community expected to grow by 21,000 people, or 60 per cent over the next decade, the new health facility will allow people to seek treatment and advice closer to home.

The McGowan Labor Government has been working with the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale to maximise the opportunities for employment and activation around the METRONET development, which began in November 2020 with preparatory work starting on the removal of the Thomas Road level crossing.

Comments attributed to Premier Mark McGowan:

"Byford is one of the fastest growing areas in the State and it is critical that we invest in the future health needs of the community.

"My Government is investing in the METRONET development in the town centre, through the Byford Rail Extension project and the construction of a health hub to help create a vibrant, fully utilised town centre."

Comments attributed to WA Labor Candidate for Darling Range Hugh Jones:

"I'm pleased the McGowan Labor Government has continued to invest in our growing community, and if elected I will ensure we deliver on these commitments for Byford.

"This health hub will keep the local community healthy and strong, and mean they can receive treatment closer to home."