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PRESS RELEASE

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FROM HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER FOR FLOREY (MR. CHARLIE WELLS)
SUBJECT ADMISSION CLINIC - HILLCREST HOSPITAL

WORK WILL START THIS WEEK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A new admission unit at Hillcrest Hospital.

Announcing this today the Member for Florey (Mr. Charlie Wells) said the Minister of Health (Mr. Don Banfield) had informed him the contract for the construction of the new two storey building had been let to Hansen and Yuncken (S.A.) Pty. Ltd.

He said the admission unit would provide an outpatients department housing 10 consulting rooms, an EEG (Electroencephlogram) suite, an occupational therapy wing of 30 places and 42-bed accommodation.

The project is expected to be completed in April, 1975.

Mr. Wells said the finance for the project was part of the Australian Government's recent \$650,000 emergency grant which also included \$ $\frac{1}{2}$ million for extensions to Port Pirie Hospital.

He said all facilities for the Hillcrest admission unit were grouped in one building to provide a greater degree of flexibility and economical sharing of overall area.

A furnished central area of 2,500 square feet next to the entry would serve as a dining room, recreational - lounge - meeting and refreshment areas for all patients in the unit.

Mr. Wells said the occupational therapy wing allowed for two supervised groups of 15 patients to be engaged individually or in smaller groups at craft and recreational activities.

Residential accommodation for 42 patients was provided with bath and toilet facilities and divided into two wings on the ground floor and two wings on the first floor.

Two four-bed wards in the acute wing would be generally used by patients when first admitted for the administration of ECT (Electroconvulsive therapy) treatment and recovery, Mr. Wells added.