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Statement - Modbury Hospital

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The outer suburbs to the North-East of Adelaide, in keeping with South Australia as a whole, have shown rapid growth over the past few years. This growth is expected to continue in the future, reaching an ultimate population of some 104,000 persons.

The area is centred around that served by the Tea Tree Gully Council, and at present lacks any hospital facilities outside the Lyell McEwin Hospital, which is a considerable distance away at Elizabeth. The Government, realising the need for major hospital facilities within this area, proposes to meet this ^{need,} and ~~has~~ instructed the Public Buildings Department to prepare drawings for a new 450 bed hospital, to be built at Modbury. Plans for the proposed Hospital are ready for presentation to Public Works Standing Committee.

The site for the Hospital is bounded by Reservoir Road, Smart Road, and Hatherleigh Avenue. It is on the crest of a hill overlooking the new Modbury Civic Centre, giving views to all quarters. The site is also very near the new freeway planned by the Highways Department, and so excellent access to the Hospital is available.

The Hospital is to be built in two stages, and will incorporate all the latest ideas from interstate and overseas, including a system of centralised food distribution in use in some of the newest hospitals in the eastern States.

The accommodation proposed for both stages of building is as follows:-

Stage I will comprise a multi-storey wing of 236 beds, made up of 192 general and 44 maternity, with a Surgical Suite of four major operating theatres, and delivery theatres for Maternity.

Included within the scheme, at the initial stage, will be Outpatients, Casualty, X-Ray and Physiotherapy services and a multi-storey nurses home housing 250 nursing staff.

Stage 2 will comprise the following:-

1. A new ward wing of five floors will be added to the hospital making the total number of beds 450. Extensions will be made to other services provided in Stage I such as the operating theatres, casualty, outpatients' departments etc. to enable them to ~~meet~~ meet the needs of the larger Stage II hospital.
2. Similarly, extensions will be made at the same time to the Nurses' and Doctors' accommodation by additional wings. The hospital is expected to cost a total of \$9.6 million for Stage I (including design and supervision charges and 10% contingencies).

Stage II will bring the total cost for the hospital to \$12.9 million including design and supervision costs and contingencies.

The planning programme for the construction of the Hospital provides for the Public Buildings Department to be ready to call tenders for preliminary work on Stage I of the project about January of next year, subject to Public Works Standing Committee enquiry and report.

It is expected that Stage I would be completed by early in 1971 and Stage II by 1981.

The Hospital is so designed that Stage II could provide additional teaching facilities for the Medical School at the University of Adelaide.