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RE: INFRASTRUCTURE 20 YEAR PLAN

I am a resident of Robertstown and have been following some of the information for the development of a Barossa Hospital.

I feel it is important that it be high on the list of infrastructure for this area. It is a growing region that needs to have up to date facilities for all to use in their time of need!

I have experienced first-hand being a patient in in both city and country hospitals! I have had good experiences in both but can see the enormous pressure on our city counterparts!

Put simply it would have to ease the burden on our city hospitals by having a new multipurpose built one in the Barossa region! It would also create jobs locally and boost the economy as well by doing this! Hopefully it would be contracted to businesses in South Australia and not overseas to complete the project!

It would however still be viable to keep the Angaston and Tanunda Hospitals as feeder ones to compliment the new one. It appears now the trend is for some smaller country hospitals to become more of a nursing home facility but also keeping some acute beds as well. This could be a consideration for Angaston and Tanunda.

As time is of the essence having one closer would result in treatment being done sooner rather than later!

Also some procedures for instance endoscopy and colonoscopy could be offered there on a more regular basis. I do realise it is all subject to availability of Doctors who are willing to travel to do these procedures as well.

At times in regional areas we seem to miss out and often have a reduction in services rather than an increase in them!

We need to ensure the survival of all regional areas big or small to keep moving with services as required at the time.

Another fact is a fair percentage of country residents would prefer not to travel to the city unless absolutely necessary. They feel more secure and less anxious in being in a country hospital. It also makes it closer for family and friends to visit them!

This hospital would be a vital link to support the city hospitals and provide the best treatment option for all concerned.

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