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## **Flinders palliative care moved welcomed**

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (SA Branch) has broadly welcomed the State Government's announcement of a new, 55-bed palliative care unit at the Flinders Medical Centre.

The relocation of palliative care services from the Repatriation General Hospital was announced as part of the State Government's *Transforming Health* proposals.

ANMF (SA Branch) CEO/Secretary, Adj Assoc Professor Elizabeth Dabars, said the Federation broadly supported the move to Flinders Medical Centre as opposed to any other southern site.

"While we recognise the decision to move palliative care services from the Repat is still a source of concern and distress for many, moving to a new building at the Flinders Medical Centre, complete with a rooftop garden, is a much better option than relocating palliative care to the Noarlunga Hospital, adjacent to a shopping centre car park," Ms Dabars said.

Ms Dabars said the State Government had also committed to working with the ANMF (SA Branch) to find a practical solution to the logistical issues the associated with the relocation and development, such as car parking.

"While we are pleased the State Government has identified that car parking at Flinders is grossly inadequate, we will be working with them to ensure that nurses and midwives at Flinders will still have access to car parking solutions while the development is occurring," Ms Dabars said.

"As with any project of this scale, implementation and ongoing consultation with nurses and midwives will be key."