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**HEALTH REFORM DELIVERING FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL DOCTORS**

The Australian Government is taking action through its National Health and Hospitals Network to expand and enhance medical facilities in communities across Australia.

*Primary Care Infrastructure Grants* will enable existing general practices to expand or upgrade space for GPs, nurses or allied health professionals to improve care for patients in the community and to support training the next generation of health workers.

This funding is part of the Government's ambitious health reform agenda, delivering better health and better hospitals for Australian families.

From today, grants up to \$500,000 are available to expand a medical practice to provide training and extra services to the community.

Unfortunately, Mr Abbott has promised the Liberal party will cut back these important investments if elected, planning to deny the expansion of vital health services in communities across Australia.

The strong economic management of the Australian Government enabled the funding of these grants in this year's budget and they will help support local GPs and take pressure of local hospitals and build up the capacity of general practice in the community.

Three levels of funding ranging up to \$500,000 are available for capital works projects that support:

- Expanding or upgrading a practice to increase the number of doctors, nurses or allied health staff;
- Expanding services to the communities, including after hours services; and
- Training of new doctors and other health professionals together in a GP Super Clinic-style facility.

Applications for funding are open to any eligible organisation or individual operating an existing general practice, primary care or community health service, or Aboriginal Medical Service.

Further details on the Australian Government's *Primary Care Infrastructure Grants* is available by visiting [www.health.gov.au/tenders](http://www.health.gov.au/tenders) or [www.health.gov.au/gpsuperclinics](http://www.health.gov.au/gpsuperclinics)

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