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ROYAL REHAB “DELIGHTED” WITH GOVERNMENT FUNDING

The Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney (ROYAL REHAB) has welcomed a \$12 million capital injection from the Federal Government to boost care and rehabilitation services.

The Centre’s Chairman, Clive Austin, said the funding injection announced by the Prime Minister John Howard today would help galvanise the Centre’s plans for new modern accommodation for long-term disability clients.

“We are delighted with the allocation pledge because it will provide us with the opportunity to expand our disability care capacity,” Mr Austin said.

“We were already committed to providing modern accommodation for long-term clients in Weemala as part of our redevelopment project here at Ryde...this funding opens up new opportunities for increased services.”

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Williamson said the Centre’s Board and Management would be in a better position to consider a range of options for reallocating resources as a result of the funding injection, including the potential expansion of a “slow recovery” program for people suffering severe brain injuries.

Mr Williamson said ROYAL REHAB was pleased the Prime Minister had publicly acknowledged the wonderful work of the Centre and its staff.

“It is reassuring the Prime Minister appreciates and understands the need and justification for the Centre’s redevelopment project aimed at securing a state of the art disability and rehabilitation medical campus for the people of NSW.” he said.

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