

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Adjournment Debate**

Response to Adjournment debate matter raised by Ms Wooldridge on 19 March 2015 in relation to West Gippsland Hospital.

REPLY:

The Andrews Labor Government committed to conduct a comprehensive study to identify the health care needs of the growing population of West Gippsland.

More specifically, the study will consider the links between the Casey campus of Monash Health in Berwick, the Latrobe Regional Hospital in Traralgon and the West Gippsland Healthcare Group in Warragul.

An area based strategic services plan will be developed to identify the links between the current health services provided and to identify the emerging health needs of the local communities.

The area based strategic services plan will make recommendations on the scope of health services to be delivered in the short, medium and longer term by the West Gippsland Healthcare Group and neighbouring health providers to best meet emerging health care demands.

Independent consultants will undertake this work with an expected completion date of early 2016.



**Hon Jill Hennessy MP
Minister for Health**

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