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Prince Charles Hospital, Adult Cystic Fibrosis Centre

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (10.01 am): The Prince Charles Hospital Adult Cystic Fibrosis Centre has received a major funding boost from the Palaszczuk government. This will mean greatly improved facilities for the 300 patients living with cystic fibrosis who are currently cared for by the Prince Charles Hospital—our state's largest centre for adult CF care.

The \$2.9 million funding injection will support a major building project to upgrade the CF unit's patient facilities to meet the unique clinical needs of each patient. The project includes a building expansion and internal reconfiguration to accommodate eight new patient bathrooms with disability access for those who need it. This means each patient staying at the centre will have their own individual ensuite.

This will greatly reduce the risk of cross-contamination and increase infection control measures to world-class standards. Patients with CF are susceptible to bacterial infections and there is also the risk of cross-infection occurring between patients. In a hospital setting, the opportunity for patient-to-patient contact naturally increases, particularly if the individual is in hospital for a prolonged period of time. While the CF unit has strict practices and protocols around infection control, the new bathrooms will make it even easier for staff to maintain these standards. Some patients with CF require admission multiple times a year. Many of these admissions last 14 days or more. It is crucial that this space is as comfortable as possible to support people during their treatment.

The redevelopment will also include an upgrade to the air-conditioning system and the installation of a new nurse call system using the latest technology. The redevelopment will ensure patients receive the best and safest care possible during their hospital stay. This funding shows the Palaszczuk government's commitment to improving the health outcomes of adults living with cystic fibrosis in Queensland.