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The Hon **David Hawker** MP  
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## HAWKER WELCOMES SUPER CLINIC AFTER MONTHS OF LOBBYING

Federal Member for Wannon David Hawker is delighted the Government has finally heeded his calls for a new Super Clinic to be based in Portland.

Mr Hawker said the \$4.9 million facility will focus on diabetes, drug and alcohol related health issues as well as family planning, dental and tele-health.

"The state of Portland's health services has been an issue of real concern for some time now, following years of neglect by the State Government," Mr Hawker said.

"The Federal Government has been throwing taxpayer's money around willy nilly in their panicked reaction to the financial crisis and so it's a great relief to finally see something worthwhile emerge out of the chaos."

Mr Hawker has been lobbying for one of the Federal Government's Super Clinics to be built in Portland for months. It was a primary point on his wish list for Wannon in the last Budget, and he personally approached the Health Minister on several occasions to bring about this great result.

"Rural and regional areas have borne the brunt of so many of this Government's funding cut backs, and Western Victorians will be paying off Labor's record debt for many years to come. This Super clinic provides a little consolation. We have finally received something after all the cut backs," Mr Hawker said.

Mr Hawker said the new Super Clinic will enable doctors and allied health workers to operate as a team and will help alleviate some of the continued problems arising with the provision of health services in Portland.

"Portland has certainly demonstrated the need for this new facility and I am delighted to have played a part in securing it," he said.

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