



# Greg Aplin MP

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### More people to benefit from elective surgery funding boost

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced that more people in Murrumbidgee LHD will now have quicker access to elective surgery, thanks to a \$3 million injection by the State Government.

“This will mean that more people will get quicker access to common elective surgeries like hip and knee replacements and cataract removals,” Mr Aplin said.

“In September 2017, the Minister for Health, Brad Hazzard announced an injection of an extra \$3 million so people can have surgery performed earlier.

“I am delighted that Murrumbidgee’s bid was successful, and that the Health District will receive \$128,000 to do more cataract procedures.

According to recent BHI reports, the number of elective surgeries being performed on time in our region has increased under the current NSW Government.

LHD	July – Sept 2017	July – Sept 2010
MLHD	99.7%	82.8%

“This funding boost will make a big difference to a lot of people’s lives, allowing them to get their elective surgeries quicker and let them get on with their lives with improved eyesight,” Mr Aplin said.

NSW has the best on-time elective surgery performance in the country. During 2016/17 more surgery was performed on time and this is despite NSW Health delivering more than 5,000 additional elective surgeries.

“While the average waiting time in NSW for these common procedures is generally met, this extra funding will mean people will have even quicker access.”

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