



## MEDIA RELEASE

### New Treatment Centre for Thalassaemia Patients

The Thalassaemia Society of NSW has today welcomed Premier Kristina Keneally's announcement of \$31.5 million to build a new Blood Disorder Centre at Prince of Wales Hospital.

*This Centre will provide world class treatment for life long sufferers of Thalassaemia, and other blood disorder diseases.*

"This is a great initiative and one that we have been campaigning for, for a long time." Mrs Nancy Lucich, Co-ordinator of the Thalassaemia Centre said today.

"These types of facilities exist overseas and in other States and now NSW has one too."

This is a great relief for Thalassaemia patients across NSW who rely on life saving treatment to ensure they live normal, healthy lives.

"This new Centre is a big step in ensuring that we get world class, one-stop treatment facility, where we can receive the attention of specialised doctors while we get treatment.

"I want to thank everyone who made this possible. For a long time we have been trying to get this Blood Disorder Centre up and running."

"With good quality treatment, sufferers of Thalassaemia are able to lead normal lives. Professor Linderman Stated.

"For many patients the Prince of Wales has been a second home to them. It gives us great joy to see this Centre becoming a reality that will reduce the hassles of travel and treatment."

"This state of the art Comprehensive Cancer and Blood Disorder Centre will bring together clinical and support services to help patients through their treatment.

"The centre will also enhance operational efficiency and provide a one stop shop for patients - reducing travel time between vital services."

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