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## WE CAN'T KEEP HAVING CODE WHITES UNTIL 2016

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“Labor’s solution to Code Whites is to tell patients to wait until 2016 and that’s not adequate” FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshere said in relation to the latest Code White at the RAH.

“Families can’t wait until 2016 for the Marjorie Jackson-Nelson Hospital to be built to replace the last-century conditions of the RAH”, Mr Brokenshere said, “The Government promises that the ‘Marj’ will solve all the problems, but what are they doing for patients in the next 8 years, the patients getting substandard care right now?”

“The problem right now is that the Government has not put enough resources in the system. They’ve cut services at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and there’s no capacity in the system for emergencies or high stress on services. Major hospitals should always run at 95% of capacity in case of a major emergency, not over 100%.”

“What we have here is a disaster waiting to happen.”

Mr Brokenshere’s comments follow alarm at another Code White at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on 11 August 2008, seeing patients rushed into discharge to make room for more patients.