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### **Urology Closure Pushes Patients Out of Hospital**

Liberal State Member for Evelyn Christine Fyffe slammed the State Government's closure of the urology clinic at Maroondah Hospital.

The clinic which closed around a fortnight ago will leave patients with an uncertain future.

"The former patients of the urology clinic will have to be squeezed into appointments at other hospitals. All this will do is increase waiting time for an appointment and add to the long distances many Yarra Ranges residents already have to travel if they are referred on to Box Hill Hospital as a result of the closure," Mrs Fyffe said.

"Funding is the biggest problem that hospitals face. If the State Government isn't prepared to put its hand in its pocket, our hospitals simply cannot afford to perform the diagnostic procedures and treatments that we depend on," Mrs Fyffe said.

"When I look at the State Government's expenditure on sport compared to the expenditure on hospitals, it makes me wonder what the current government is thinking," Mrs Fyffe said.

"Urinary tract infections, diseases and disorders can be extremely painful for the sufferer. The further people are made to travel to seek help, the more pain and discomfort they are expected by the State Government to endure. Closing facilities is not the answer," Mrs Fyffe said.

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