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MEDIA ALERT – MEDIA CONFERENCE

THE HUMAN COST OF COMMONWEALTH CUTS TO PUBLIC HOSPITAL FUNDING

10.30am, Thursday 10 March 2016, AMA NSW, St Leonards

AMA President, Professor Brian Owler, will tomorrow discuss the human cost of the Federal Government’s cuts to public hospital funding in the 2014 Budget, and the urgent need for a massive injection of Commonwealth funding in the May Budget to allow the States and Territories to manage public hospitals to meet growing community and patient need.

Professor Owler said today that public hospitals, doctors, other health workers, and patients are under increasing pressure as a result of reduced capacity – and things will only get worse unless public hospitals receive significant new long-term funding in the May Budget.

“A short-term pre-election fix will not be enough – long-term funding and planning is needed,” Professor Owler said.

According to the Treasury, in the 2014 Federal Budget the Government stripped \$57 billion of public hospital funding to the States and Territories for the period 2017-18 to 2024-25.

Professor Owler will tomorrow provide practical examples of how patient care is and will be affected, and show data illustrating the shortfall in Commonwealth funding for public hospitals.

AMA Public Hospital Funding Media Conference

Time: 10.30am
 Date: Thursday, 10 March 2016
 Venue: AMA NSW Conference Centre
 Ground Floor
 69 Christie Street
 ST LEONARDS NSW

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