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A Canberra Liberals Government will:

Deliver 70,000 Elective Surgeries



The Canberra Liberals' policy, "Reducing Wait Times for Elective Surgery in ACT Public Hospitals," tackles lengthy waitlists for elective surgeries in the ACT which have ballooned under the Labor-Greens government administration.

The Canberra Liberals will deliver at least 70,000 elective surgeries over the term, addressing the concerns of tens of thousands of Canberrans who have been waiting for their surgeries beyond clinically recommended timeframes.

Patients on these waitlists have shared their struggles, describing pain, inability to work, and growing concern over deteriorating conditions. These personal stories underscore the urgent need for action.

To alleviate this crisis, the Canberra Liberals propose:

- ✔ **Completing 70,000 elective surgeries over the term to reduce the impact of overdue surgeries on Canberrans**
- ✔ **Utilising new facilities, such as the Critical Services Building and refurbished North Canberra Hospital theatres, to increase capacity**
- ✔ **Partnering with private providers for high-speed, low-complexity patients, enabling at least 10,000 elective surgeries**

By implementing these measures, the policy aims to reduce wait times, alleviate patient suffering, and restore timely access to essential medical procedures.

This proactive approach will improve the overall quality of life for patients and their families, as well as boost productivity and economic benefits through reduced sick leave.



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