



Increasing access to dental services for Victorians

The Victorian Government has invested over \$1 billion into oral health since 1999-2000. This has reduced waiting times, increased access for children, continued workforce development, built new and expanded clinics and enhanced oral health promotion.

In the 2009-10 State Budget, the Victorian Government is taking action to reduce dental waiting times in areas of the state with the longest waiting times, and provide new services in soon to be commissioned training clinics in Wodonga and Bendigo.

\$4.15 million is being provided in 2009-10 (\$21.07 million over four years) to fund an additional 24,000 dental treatments.

This initiative will improve Victorians' access to dental services by increasing service delivery in new La Trobe University training clinics to support the clinical training of the dental workforce - \$2.4 million in 2009-10 (\$17.57 million over four years). Over 14,000 treatments will be provided over the next two years.

Waiting times will also be reduced in a blitz which will see 10,000 additional services in areas of the state with the longest waiting lists. \$1.75 million will be provided in 2009-10 (\$3.5 million over two years) at the following sites:

Location	Treatments	
	2009-10	2010-11
Southern Health – Dandenong	500	500
Ballarat Health Services	1000	1000
Barwon Health	750	750
Latrobe Community Health - Moe	750	750
Central Gippsland Health Services – Sale	500	500
Knox Community Health	500	500
Peninsula Health - Frankston	500	500
Western Region Health Centre - Footscray	500	500