

## Finally, ... it's a health plan because it includes dental!



The Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch (ADAVB) welcomes the announcement from the Victorian Greens today to invest an additional \$160 million into the public dental care system to double the number of eligible people accessing public dental treatment. Waiting times for public dental care have increased 70 per cent over the past four years to over 20 months, impacting on the health and well-being of thousands of vulnerable Victorians.

“We have been consistently advocating for a significant boost in funding for public dental care, particularly in the lead-up to the Victorian election, and it is pleasing to see the Victorian Greens acknowledge the importance of oral health,” said ADAVB President Dr Kevin Morris.

“Only 16 per cent of eligible Victorians are able to access public dental services each year, and this commitment from the Greens will see this number double, going a long way to reducing waiting times and improving oral health in the community.”

ADAVB also welcomes the Greens’ pledge to target sugary foods and drinks, which are a significant contributor to the burden of dental disease in our community.

ADAVB looks forward to working with the next Victorian Government to ensure that additional funding engages both the public and private sector to deliver oral health care that meets the needs of the community.

### Interviews:

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### Further information:

- [Data obtained by ADAVB about preventable hospitalisations](#)
- [Data obtained by ADAVB about public dental care waiting times](#)
- The Greens’ health policy’ Healthier people, healthier communities: [https://victoria.greens.org.au/healthier\\_people\\_healthier\\_communities](https://victoria.greens.org.au/healthier_people_healthier_communities)

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