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Lifeshouse at RPA – The Chris O'Brien Cancer Centre - welcomes formal agreements

The Lifeshouse at RPA - The Chris O'Brien Cancer Centre today welcomed the formalising of the Commonwealth and New South Wales Government agreements, locking in funding and operational arrangements for Lifeshouse with the official signing of the documents by the Prime Minister and Lifeshouse.

Lifeshouse at RPA - The Chris O'Brien Cancer Centre Medical Director Professor Michael Boyer said the agreements represented a significant milestone for Lifeshouse at RPA.

"The signing of the agreements today means we are one step closer to fulfilling the vision of Prof. Chris O'Brien," Professor Boyer said.

"Chris worked relentlessly to achieve the creation of a comprehensive cancer research and treatment centre, a model that has been proven around the world as the best possible way to treat cancer patients.

"I thank both the Commonwealth and the NSW Government for honouring the commitments made to Chris before he died."

Lifeshouse at RPA CEO Timothy Dugan said planning could now proceed at full speed now the agreements had been formalised.

"Preliminary works on the site adjacent to Royal Prince Alfred will now commence, with construction on this custom-built facility to begin early next year.

Mr Dugan thanked the many people who had contributed to the RPA Chris O'Brien Capital Appeal, and the ongoing support of the O'Brien family in bringing Prof. O'Brien's dream to life.

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