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**\$100m commitment: a significant leap towards realising Lifeshouse vision**

The Sydney Cancer Centre Foundation and the Sydney Cancer Centre today welcomed Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's \$100 million commitment to a new state-of-the-art integrated cancer treatment and research facility.

Sydney Cancer Centre Director, Associate Professor Mike Boyer said the commitment by the Commonwealth Government and the personal support of the Prime Minister represented a significant leap forward in making the proposal a reality.

"Lifeshouse at RPA's integrated cancer treatment and research centre is recognised around the world as the best possible model for delivering real health outcomes to cancer patients," Associate Professor Boyer said.

"By co-locating treatment and research in the one world-class facility, Lifeshouse at RPA will be able to offer the most effective cancer treatments based on the latest research developments."

Professor Boyer also thanked the NSW Government for its contribution of the site for the new centre, adjoining Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, and its ongoing support for the proposal.

Sydney Cancer Centre Foundation CEO Tim Dugan said today marked the official beginning of a new fundraising effort to raise the remaining funds needed to build the new facility.

"Lifeshouse at RPA will be a custom-built centre, staffed by some of the best clinicians, specialist cancer nursing staff and researchers in Australia," Mr Dugan said.

"The generosity of the Commonwealth Government means the realisation of this vision is now tantalisingly close. We encourage the community to help in any way they can by contributing to the Lifeshouse at RPA Chris O'Brien Capital Appeal."

Mr Dugan thanked Professor Chris O'Brien for his ongoing support for Lifeshouse at RPA.

"Lifeshouse at RPA was Professor O'Brien's vision well before he was diagnosed with cancer, and he has continued to provide leadership and inspiration for all of those involved in making this a reality."

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