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Better access to cancer care service

NEARLY \$800,000 will be spent on assorted upgrades at Charles Wanstall Apex Lodge, which accommodates cancer patients visiting Brisbane for treatment.

Twenty-nine of the 35 rooms will be modernised with money given under the National Stronger Regions Fund, in a move welcomed by Cancer Council Queensland (CCQ) chief executive professor Jeff Dunn.

"We applaud this investment and welcome the commitment of the next Australian Government to improving quality of life and survival outcomes for all Queenslanders, affected by all cancers," Professor Dunn said.

"It will help improve access to world leading clinical and supportive care services."

Dennis Bowerman said the lodge in Fleming Rd was proving an invaluable home-away-from-home he could not otherwise afford while undergoing treatment.

"It's hard enough being away from home without having to put up with older conditions so any upgrade will help," Mr Bowerman said. "It is a nice place and will only be nicer once this work is done."

The upgrade project could create up to 60 jobs and inject a \$1.5m boost into the inner north economy.

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