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USA AND NSW TO SHARE CANCER RESEARCH

An historic agreement has been signed that will open the door to greater collaboration in cancer research between New South Wales and the United States.

The NSW Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Obama Administration during US Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Australia.

The US National Cancer Institute (NCI) and NSW Government formalised an agreement to work together on the Cancer Moonshot initiative, which was announced by President Obama in his State of the Union address in January 2016.

NSW Premier Mike Baird said the state had much to offer the world in the fight against cancer through the state's long-term investment in health and medical research, and ensuring research is translated into patient care.

"This agreement will allow us to share our advances in cancer research, with the aim of preventing, controlling and managing the disease," Mr Baird said.

Health Minister Jillian Skinner said: "Through cooperation and high-quality research it is hoped we will discover new anti-cancer agents and be able to detect many cancers earlier, including childhood cancers."

Minister for Medical Research Pru Goward said: "This partnership is recognition of the critical role our NSW scientists are playing in the effort to cure cancer."

The US National Cancer Institute has identified integrated cancer proteomics and genomics as one of the key components of the Cancer Moonshot program.

As part of the agreement, the NSW Government will inject \$6 million into a joint project between the Children's Medical Research Institute and Garvan Institute of Medical Research, which house the Southern Hemisphere's most advanced programs in cancer proteomics and genomics respectively.

A Joint Steering Committee will be established to meet at least once a year to oversee the implementation of the MOU and develop ongoing collaborative research.