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CENTREPIECE OF \$277 MILLION ST GEORGE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT REACHES HIGHEST POINT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner was joined today by local MPs on top of St George Hospital's new Acute Services Building to celebrate construction reaching its highest point.

In January, the NSW Government announced it would fast-track construction of the Acute Services Building, delivering it six months ahead of schedule with a \$30 million saving to taxpayers without any reduction in the scale of the project or the clinical services delivered.

"Today - after eight months of construction and over 269,000 worker hours - the centrepiece of the redevelopment, the Acute Services Building, has reached its full height of nine storeys, which includes a new helipad," Mrs Skinner said.

"St George Hospital has always been synonymous with clinical excellence - soon it will also boast a state-of-the-art building and cutting edge technologies to further benefit patients and staff."

The new Acute Services Building - which is constructed on top of the new \$41 million emergency department, opened in 2014 - includes:

- new intensive care department
- eight new operating theatres
- about 120 new inpatient beds
- two cardiac catheter laboratories
- new sterilising service department
- new helipad

Physical construction of the Acute Services Building should be completed by mid-2017, with internal fit-out and commissioning to follow. In addition, the multi-deck car park and the main entry and façade, both on Gray Street, will be completed as part of the \$277 million redevelopment.

Local MPs Mark Coure (Oatley), Mark Speakman (Cronulla), Eleni Petinos (Miranda) and Lee Evans (Heathcote) took part in today's "topping out" - a European building tradition in which a tree is raised to the highest point of a new structure.

The tree used in the ceremony - a native lilly pilly - will be planted in the hospital grounds when the project is complete.