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HEALTH MINISTER APPLAUDS PROGRESS OF DUBBO HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today joined Member for Dubbo Troy Grant to view progress of Dubbo Hospital's \$79.8 million redevelopment.

"It's wonderful to be here today to experience firsthand the community's excitement about this much-anticipated redevelopment," Mrs Skinner said.

"There is a real buzz about the hospital's rebuild and it is with great pride that I can see it taking shape. The community has waited a long time for a state-of-the-art hospital and I share its enthusiasm to see it growing from the ground.

"Locals know this is a hospital close to my heart and I'm incredibly proud of the work being done here.

"This rebuild forms part of the almost \$5 billion the NSW Liberal & Nationals Government is spending in its first term of office on hospital redevelopments.

"The NSW Government is rebuilding the NSW health system after 16 years of Labor neglect and our commitment to upgrade Dubbo Hospital is a perfect example of money well-spent."

Mr Grant said he is proud to see a major commitment to the community becoming a reality.

"I welcome the Health Minister to town and thank her for again choosing to spend some time at Dubbo Hospital – a health service that is particularly important to both of us," Mr Grant said.

"The Health Minister and I fought hard for this hospital redevelopment and I know we both relish the opportunity to visit and see the work undertaken to transform the bricks and mortar of this facility.

"The progress of this redevelopment has been extraordinary and I thank all involved for their efforts to pursue this much-needed upgrade."

The \$79.8 million redevelopment of Dubbo Hospital is jointly funded with the NSW Government providing \$72.7 million and the Federal Government contributing \$7.1 million. It will deliver:

- Inpatient ward and birthing suite for maternity services;
- A Special Care Nursery;
- Upgraded renal dialysis unit;
- A central sterilisation department; and
- Refurbished main hospital entry and upgraded infrastructure, including car parking, to support the above clinical services.

The project is scheduled for completion in late-2015.

It is anticipated the successful main works tenderer will commence works in early 2014.