



# **The Hon Jillian Skinner MP**

## **Minister for Health**

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **PROGRESS FOR RAYMOND TERRACE GP SUPER CLINIC / HEALTHONE**

Better access to GPs and allied health professionals for people in the Raymond Terrace area has moved a step closer with the lodging of a development approval application for a GP Super Clinic in the town.

Federal Minister for Health, Tanya Plibersek, and NSW Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, today said that a development application for the jointly funded GP Super Clinic and HealthOne facility in Raymond Terrace had been lodged with Port Stephens Council.

Ms Plibersek said the project was expected to go to tender in mid-2012 with a project completion date of late 2013.

She said the joint approach reflected both governments' commitment to supporting the development of integrated primary health care services.

"GP Super Clinics are a key part of the Australian Government's new National Health and Hospital Network – an essential element in building a stronger primary health system," Ms Plibersek said.

"The new \$15 million facility for Raymond Terrace would offer a variety of services on the same site, making them more accessible and convenient for the community."

Mrs Skinner said the GP Super Clinic/HealthOne project is an exciting step forward.

"The facility will provide services including community health, general practice, allied health, child and family, aged and chronic care, oral health, renal dialysis and visiting specialist service," Mrs Skinner said.

"It will better meet the needs in providing improved health care for the Raymond Terrace community and surrounding areas," she said.

The Australian Government is making a significant investment in GP Super Clinics and has committed \$650.4 million to build more than 60 GP Super Clinics around Australia and upgrade and extend around 425 existing general practices, primary care and community health services, and Aboriginal Medical Services.

There are now 34 clinics either open, providing early services or under construction.