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### **UPGRADE FOR GOULBURN HOSPITAL AND NEW BEDS FOR CHISHOLM ROSS**

A major refurbishment of Goulburn Base Hospital's operating theatre and reception area has commenced, in addition to an upgrade of the Chisholm Ross Centre (Acute Mental Health Services) which will receive 12 new beds, the Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, and the Member for Goulburn, Pru Goward, said today.

The NSW Government has committed \$4.8 million for 12 new beds at the Chisholm Ross Centre and the Goulburn Base Hospital redevelopment has received \$3 million in Commonwealth COAG funding.

These improvements will enhance patient experience and provide a better working environment for hospital staff.

Work to be carried out includes:

- A new reception, operating theatre, and anaesthetic room;
- A new scrub room, recovery, clean-up and disposal areas and storage room; and
- An upgrade to the lifts.

This work builds on the expansion and refurbishment of Goulburn hospital's emergency department, which was completed in October last year.

Ms Goward said the upgrade at Goulburn hospital and the Chisholm Ross Centre highlighted the NSW Government's commitment to delivering improved health services in regional areas.

"This is fantastic news for the Goulburn community and I look forward to the region benefitting from these improved services," she said.

Mrs Skinner said the refurbishment will improve access to more advanced local health facilities, which is a great outcome.

"The work will be staged to minimise the impact on the use of the operating theatre which will remain functional during the upgrade," she said.

Preparatory work has been carried out to support the upgrade such as the relocation of the ANU building, a new car park for renal and physiotherapy patients and improved access to the helipad.