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**MORE ACUTE CARE BEDS, MORE AGED CARE FOR MANILLA**

People of all ages in the Manilla region will benefit from improved health care and aged care following the opening today of its new Multi-Purpose Service facility, said Federal Minister for Health Tanya Plibersek and NSW Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner.

Ms Plibersek said the jointly federal-state funded facility (\$1.2 million a year from the Commonwealth and \$2.4 million from the state) is part of a larger health precinct including a HealthOne component.

“These new facilities will provide the people of Manilla with state-of-the-art health care infrastructure tailored toward their particular needs,” said Ms Plibersek.

“They will benefit from acute, aged care, and community health services with Commonwealth funding for flexible aged care places and NSW funding for a variety of health and community care services.”

She said Multi-Purpose Services were a successful model for the delivery of integrated health and aged care services in small rural and remote communities.

HealthOne is an integrated primary and community health initiative, bringing together GPs, community health and other health professionals in multidisciplinary teams.

Ms Plibersek opened the facility along with Melinda Pavey, state Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health; Tony Windsor, Federal Member for New England; and Kevin Anderson, state Member for Tamworth.

Minister Skinner said infrastructure in regional NSW was a huge priority for the NSW Government.

“The NSW Government has committed to a \$4.7 billion capital works program over four years, and I’m pleased we have been able to invest in both the capital and recurrent costs for this important project,” Minister Skinner said.

“This is a great example of a collaborative approach to health services by both levels of government,” she said.

The Manilla MPS includes:

- 12 acute beds;
- 40 flexible residential aged care beds;
- one new birthing suite and rooms for antenatal and postnatal services;
- a new four-bay emergency department, complete with a more private entrance; and
- a secure sensory garden for dementia patients and a large, secure, central landscaped courtyard.

The HealthOne Manilla component will include:

- clinic rooms for Manilla GPs and visiting medical specialists; and
- treatment rooms, work areas and consultation rooms for other health professionals.