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SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD FOR DUBBO HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

The Dubbo Hospital redevelopment has reached an important milestone in the planning process with concept plans now finalised for the \$79.8m project, Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Andrew Stoner, Minister for Health Jillian Skinner, and Member for Dubbo Troy Grant said today.

Mr Stoner and Mr Grant unveiled detailed plans of the \$79.8m project in Dubbo today.

With the preferred option for the project now finalised, the design team will start to produce drawings and 3D models of what the redevelopment will look like, complete floor plans and finalise the exterior design. The works are for stages 1 and 2 of the redevelopment, which will take place simultaneously.

The NSW Government has contributed \$72.7m towards the project, which was complemented by a Federal commitment of \$7.1m from the Health and Hospitals Fund.

Mr Stoner said the NSW Government was committed to delivering better health services for regional areas.

“It’s extremely positive to see important progress being made and I look forward to the Dubbo region benefitting from this much improved service,” Mr Stoner said.

“I am advised early works are expected to begin late this year, which will include vacating existing buildings, relocating some services, and eventually demolishing the existing boiler house and 3-storey nurses accommodation building to make way for the site of the redevelopment.”

Minister Skinner said it was a positive step forward in this exciting redevelopment.

“The NSW Government has said from the outset that we will be open and transparent with the Dubbo community about what their hospital will look like and that’s just what we’re doing,” Minister Skinner said.

“The community has been eagerly awaiting this redevelopment and I’m proud that we are on track to deliver it.”

User Groups, made up of hospital staff, have been set up and will meet regularly throughout the coming months. The groups will provide clinical and operational planning input, feedback on health service delivery and support service matters, represent the interests of the broader workforce and work collaboratively with the project design team, and clinical and non-clinical representatives.

The redevelopment will provide a combination of new purpose built infrastructure and refurbishment works:

- Surgery, including new operating theatres;
- Day only and extended day only ward for surgical services;
- Inpatient ward and birthing suite for maternity services;
- Upgraded renal dialysis unit;
- Clinical sterilisation department/ specialised sterilising department; and
- Refurbished main hospital entry and upgraded infrastructure, including car parking, to support the above clinical services.

Mr Grant said he was delighted to see important progress in the planning being made.

“The redevelopment will acknowledge the role of Dubbo hospital as a local facility, a major rural referral centre and an acute care hospital for specialty services for the wider region,” Mr Grant said.

“It will also help staff deliver health services more efficiently and will help to attract and retain a highly skilled and motivated workforce.

“I look forward to continuing to keep the community updated on this important project for our region.”

Construction is expected to start early next year with completion of the project scheduled for late 2014.