



# The Hon Jillian Skinner MP

## Minister for Health Minister for Medical Research

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#### **FUNDS WELCOME FOR PEAK HILL MPS**

The Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, and the Member for Dubbo, Troy Grant, today welcomed \$6 million in Commonwealth funding that the O'Farrell Government has secured for the Peak Hill Multipurpose Service (MPS).

The Federal Government has announced \$6 million for the redevelopment of the Peak Hill Health Service to an MPS, which will be matched by a contribution of \$6 million from the NSW Government, for the \$12 million project.

Mrs Skinner said she was delighted to be able to secure this important funding.

"The Peak Hill community has been waiting for an upgraded facility for a long time and I'm pleased to confirm \$6 million from the NSW Government to allow the project to proceed," Mrs Skinner said.

"I'm very happy the NSW Government has been able to secure these important funds for Peak Hill," she said.

"I am also extremely proud of the hard work from the community and the Western NSW Local Health District which has certainly paid off."

The MPS at Peak Hill will include a range of services which will respond to the needs of the community. Some of these services will include primary care, sub-acute, respite, palliative, aged care and a range of allied health services. There will also be space for self-care renal dialysis.

The Member for Dubbo, Troy Grant, said the confirmation of funds was extremely positive for the Peak Hill region.

"The current facility is well and truly out-dated and no longer has the capacity to service the health needs of the community," Mr Grant said.

"The MPS will provide the Peak Hill region with high quality health services and provide the flexibility to respond to health needs of that community, particularly those with chronic and complex conditions," he said.

"This is a Government that's committed to improving health services in regional areas and I'm pleased we've been able to secure this important funding for Peak Hill, as well as making a significant contribution ourselves."