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PROGRESS ON \$300M BLACKTOWN MT DRUITT REDEVELOPMENT

The Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, today announced two key milestones for the NSW Government's \$300 million upgrade to Blacktown and Mt DrUITt hospitals. The upgrade is part of the Government's record four year \$4.7 billion investment in health infrastructure.

Early works on the Mt DrUITt campus will commence in the coming week with Kane Constructions Pty Ltd awarded the contract this week.

"The campus will be reconfigured to provide expanded dental services, a new main entrance, and major investment in Central Sterilising Services Department to support the role of the hospital as an Elective Surgical Centre," Mrs Skinner said.

"The expansion also includes an additional eight dental chairs, expanded emergency department and rehabilitation beds," she said.

The first step of the Blacktown Hospital redevelopment - the development application for the \$24.2 million multi-storey car park - has been approved by Blacktown City Council.

"The new car park will provide 600 parking spaces, and result in over 1,400 spaces available at the Blacktown campus," Mrs Skinner said.

"This is an important initial stage that ensures additional parking will be located to better meet the needs of patients, visitors and staff."

Construction is expected to commence in early 2013. The car park will be operational in early 2014.

Main construction, including the new building, Comprehensive Cancer Centre and additional inpatient beds at Blacktown Hospital will be completed in 2015 with the remaining service enhancements to be completed progressively during 2016.