



# Jillian Skinner MP

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#### **COMMUNITY TO PICTURE PROGRESS AT DUBBO HOSPITAL**

Locals now have the opportunity to view plans of the new Dubbo Hospital with the launch of schematic designs for the \$79.8 million redevelopment, the Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, announced today.

Mrs Skinner today joined the Member for Dubbo, Troy Grant, at Dubbo Hospital to celebrate the launch of the detailed designs which highlight the development of improved health services and facilities for the local community.

“Dubbo and its neighbouring communities have been eagerly awaiting this redevelopment and it’s great to be here today to launch these design plans,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Now locals can see firsthand how their new hospital will look and importantly how their new services will be provided.”

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

Mrs Skinner said that when stage one and two of the redevelopment is complete, the hospital will have:

- Six new operating theatres
- A new maternity ward with 17 beds, birthing rooms and eight special care nursery cots.
- An extended day surgery unit
- 15 day surgery beds
- 14 renal chairs
- A home dialysis training area with access for people who are on home dialysis but away from home and staying in Dubbo.

“Patients will have access to updated contemporary services, which will no doubt attract quality clinicians and nurses to Dubbo.”

Mr Grant said local patients and their families would be direct beneficiaries of the hospital redevelopment.

“This redevelopment will secure Dubbo Hospital as the major rural referral centre and acute care hospital for speciality services to meet the growing demands of our area,” Mr Grant said.

“The launch of these schematic designs for the new hospital is a significant and exciting milestone for the project and locals are encouraged to view the designs.”

Mr Grant invited locals to visit the NSW Planning website to make submissions on the redevelopment, which will be on public exhibition from 26 September.

“The local community can also visit Centro Dubbo and Orana Mall to view the schematic designs firsthand,” Mr Grant said.

The Federal Minister for Health, Tanya Plibersek, welcomed the announcement.

“This is a great investment. The redevelopment of the Dubbo Base Hospital will mean that local people will be able to get health services when and where they need them.”

Tenders for the redevelopment building contract have closed is expected to be awarded by the end of the month.

Main construction is anticipated to begin in early 2013 and the completion of the hospital redevelopment is scheduled for late 2014.