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HEALTH FORUM FOR GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY

The Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, will host a community health forum in Parramatta on Wednesday to give Greater Western Sydney residents the chance to have their say on the future of health services in their community.

"This is the first community health forum to be held in Greater Western Sydney where residents can raise issues of concern directly with the government and where Local Health Districts can listen and respond to those concerns," Mrs Skinner said.

"Medical innovation, mental health services and health resources will be among issues up for discussion.

"It is about genuine engagement with the local community, and a good opportunity to let everyone know how Local Health Districts are delivering health services to the region and to seek input on how we can do it even better.

"I encourage everyone to come along, find out what is happening across Greater Western Sydney and have a say."

The forum will also feature:
- Minister for Mental Health and Healthy Lifestyles Kevin Humphries
- Parliamentary Secretary for Western Sydney Ray Williams
- Director-General of NSW Health Dr Mary Foley
- Chair of Western Sydney Local Health District, Professor Stephen Leeder
- Chair of Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Professor Patrick Cregan
- Chair of South West Sydney Local Health District Professor Phillip John Harris
- Deputy Chair of the Sydney Children's Hospital Network Mr Richard Alcock

MPs from Western Sydney, South Western Sydney and the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health Districts will also attend the forum.

The forum will be held on Wednesday, 26 September between 6pm and 8.30pm at Parramatta Town Hall, 182 Church Street Mall, Parramatta.

Those wishing to attend, or those unable to attend but would like to pose a question, can contact Ms Brianna Sharp, Community & Government Relations Unit on 02 9391 9603 or bshar@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.