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GROUND WORKS START AT TAMWORTH HOSPITAL

Work has commenced to prepare Tamworth Hospital for its major redevelopment, the Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, and the Member for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson, announced today.

Mrs Skinner and Mr Anderson were at Tamworth Hospital today to see progress on the ground works and announce that tenders for the redevelopment have been awarded to oversee both the wider redevelopment as well as the construction of a new road and parking at the site.

A tender has been awarded to Richard Crookes Construction to complete the early works, which include a new access road and parking. A separate tender has been awarded to APP Corporation to oversee the redevelopment of Tamworth Hospital.

“The NSW Government made a pre-election commitment to improve patient care and build better regional health infrastructure at Tamworth and I’m sure the local community is pleased to see this pledge becoming a reality,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Work has begun on the new access road and additional car parking to ensure traffic will flow smoothly around the campus.

“Major construction on the wider hospital redevelopment will begin early next year and will be complete in 2016.”

The NSW Government has committed \$100 million to the project with the Federal Government contributing \$120 million under the Health and Hospitals Fund.

Mr Anderson said the announcement of successful tenderers is an important milestone for the redevelopment project.

“The awarding of these two tenders show just how the NSW Government is getting on with the job of delivering the new Tamworth Hospital,” Mr Anderson said.

“Once construction of the new clinical buildings begins in 2013, there will be increased traffic around the site and I know local planning teams have worked hard to ensure there is the least disruption for hospital visitors, staff, residents and tradespeople.”

“The overall Tamworth redevelopment will include a mix of new and refurbished facilities including the emergency department, operating theatres and day surgery unit, renal dialysis medical, surgical and palliative care inpatient units, paediatrics unit, maternity, birthing suite and special care nursery, oral health unit and more,” Mrs Skinner said.