



# **Jillian Skinner MP**

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#### **MINISTER RECOGNISES ILLAWARRA EXCELLENCE AT NSW HEALTH AWARDS**

An Illawarra Cancer Care Centre program that emphasises cancer patient safety has taken out top honours at the NSW Health Awards, the Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, Jillian Skinner announced this evening.

The Medication Incident Reduction at Illawarra Cancer Care Centre program won the Cancer Services Award for Excellence in the Provision of Cancer Services.

“The Illawarra Cancer Care Centre has seen a dramatic reduction in incidents where patients have had adverse effects to medications as a result of this new, innovative program.

“This program is a great example of local clinicians finding local solutions which save lives and improve treatment outcomes for patients,” Mrs Skinner said.

The 14<sup>th</sup> NSW Health Awards were held in Sydney this evening to celebrate and acknowledge excellence in health and innovation across the public health system.

There were 160 entries to the awards this year in more than 12 categories.

“These awards recognise the outstanding work of our state’s doctors, nurses, allied health professionals as well as the hard-working staff who support these teams to save lives and keep the community healthy,” Mrs Skinner said.

“They represent the best practices in the delivery of health in NSW and the brightest ideas, which have never been more important than now, as we strive to create new models of care.”

The Member for Heathcote, Lee Evans, congratulated the Illawarra Cancer Care Centre on their well-deserved win.

“This award is recognition of the great work of our local staff in assisting patients and their families in what is a trying time in their lives.

“It is great to see a local facility being rewarded for putting their patient’s needs first while ensuring their safety and providing quality, innovative care,” Mr Evans said.