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GAMING TECHNOLOGY AIDS HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today saw firsthand the new 3D computer-generated model that is being used to aid the design and construction of the new clinical building at Campbelltown Hospital.

Mrs Skinner tested the new model during a visit to Campbelltown Hospital for its Community Open Day and the South Western Sydney Local Health District's Annual Public Meeting.

"This is the first time gaming technology has been used on such a large scale for the redevelopment of a hospital. It's quite remarkable," Mrs Skinner said.

"Using a hand-held game controller and screen, people can walk through the car park, see the existing Campbelltown Hospital building and take a look inside the foyer and first floor of the new building," Mrs Skinner said.

"This model is a fantastic way for the hospital to engage with its staff and the local community and prepare them for this wonderful new facility.

"As the redevelopment progresses, the model will be developed further to include more detailed furniture and furnishings.

"User groups will then be able to provide feedback on aspects of the design including the height of workspaces, where equipment is located and how rooms are configured, without even stepping foot into the actual building," Mrs Skinner said.

While at Campbelltown, Mrs Skinner announced that the hospital redevelopment had passed another significant milestone in the planning approval process.

"The main building work has now received planning approval and this allows for the construction to begin in early 2013," Mrs Skinner said.

"In preparation for construction, early works are well underway, such as installing the services for the new building and constructing additional parking."

Member for Campbelltown Bryan Doyle said, "I am so pleased that we are delivering this long-awaited and much-needed extension to our hospital."

At the completion of the Stage 1 of the \$139 million redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital will include:

- A new multi-storey building housing inpatient wards, ambulatory, outpatient and allied health services, pathology and clinical information;
- 90 additional inpatient beds with a capacity for a further 30;
- 11 new emergency beds;
- A state-of-the-art, two-room cardiac catheterisation laboratory/interventional suite to diagnose and treat abnormalities of the heart muscles or valves such as narrowed or blocked arteries and arrhythmias; and
- A co-located and expanded floor comprising ambulatory care, outpatients, antenatal, allied health consulting rooms and treatment spaces.

Mrs Skinner also met with staff, patients and visitors and addressed guests at the Annual Public Meeting.

“Annual Public Meetings and Community Open Days are a great way for me to see firsthand how local health districts are interacting with their communities.

“It is great to be here to celebrate the achievements of staff over the past 12 months and to see how excited hospital staff and the community are about this redevelopment,” Mrs Skinner said.