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UPGRADE COMPLETE AT IVANHOE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Patients at Ivanhoe Hospital are now being treated in a new emergency department following the completion of almost \$600,000 in redevelopment works, Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Murray Darling MP John Williams announced today.

The \$590,000 refurbishment includes a two-bay treatment and resuscitation area and a new ambulance bay which connects to the hospital.

Mrs Skinner welcomed news of the upgrade's completion saying the NSW Government is committed to ensuring rural patients receive the best care, close to home.

"These new facilities are a win not just for patients but for the hard-working doctors, nurses and hospital staff who can now deliver care in an upgraded setting," Mrs Skinner said.

"This work is the result of forward planning and commitment from the Far West Local Health District and I commend them on their efforts to improve health services at Ivanhoe."

Mr Williams said the new layout of the emergency services area means a contemporary emergency stabilisation and evacuation service has been installed at Ivanhoe Hospital.

"This upgrade to the emergency department demonstrates how Ivanhoe Hospital is putting the patient first and giving our doctors and nurses the opportunity to work in a modern, renewed space.

"This refurbishment will go a long way to improving our workforce sustainability at Ivanhoe while treating the urgent health needs of local patients.

"I want to congratulate everyone involved in the planning and construction of this upgrade and I am sure the staff and community of Ivanhoe are very proud of this new facility," Mr Williams said.

The refurbishment was built onto the existing Ivanhoe Health Service, which has provided health services to the community since 1962.