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PLANNING TAKES OFF FOR PEAK HILL MPS

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Dubbo MP Troy Grant today said planning for the Peak Hill Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) is progressing well.

Mrs Skinner said the Western NSW Local Health District has met with representatives from the NSW Ministry of Health, Health Infrastructure and the local health council to discuss various options for the development of the new MPS.

“A new purpose-designed building near the existing hospital was unanimously agreed upon as the preferred option and further work has since been undertaken by the project team to develop the concept design,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Construction is expected to commence in early 2014 and is scheduled for completion in early 2015.

“Multi-Purpose Services play a vital role in ensuring patients receive quality care closer to home and it is wonderful to see progress being made at Peak Hill.”

Mr Grant said the planning stage has been positive and excitement is building in the community about the project.

“All those who have participated in the Peak Hill MPS workshop have been enthusiastic and excited about this project.

“This planning phase is crucial so it is great to see that staff and the community are involved and informed.

“I look forward to updating the community on this development as more news comes to light,” Mr Grant said.

The Peak Hill MPS is expected to include:

- A Rural Emergency Care Service;
- Four sub-acute beds including palliative and respite care;
- 10 high care residential aged care beds, suitable for residents with low level dementia care needs;
- Consultation rooms;
- Diversional therapy;
- Medical services;

- Clinical and operational support services;
- Chronic Disease Management programs and clinics;
- Ambulatory and community acute and post-acute services;
- Capacity for a facility-based self-care renal dialysis space

This project is jointly funded under the Health and Hospitals Fund Program, with the NSW Government providing \$6 million and the Australian Government contributing \$6 million.