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MORE MILESTONES FOR LISMORE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Lismore MP Thomas George today visited Lismore Hospital to inspect the progress of planning for the facility's multi-million dollar upgrades.

Mrs Skinner viewed plans for the $2.95 million NSW Government-funded interim upgrade for the hospital's emergency department.

"This upgrade will improve experiences for patients at Lismore Hospital emergency department until the major redevelopment is finalised in 2016," Mrs Skinner said.

"It is great to be here to see tangible plans that show the expansion of the emergency department floor space and the interim seven-bed emergency medicine unit (EMU).

"The NSW Government is committed to providing quality care closer to home for regional and rural communities and this investment will ensure local patients will benefit from interim treatment arrangements."

Mrs Skinner and Mr George were joined by the Federal Minister for Health Tanya Plibersek during her visit to Lismore Hospital.

"It is pleasing to be joined by the Federal Minister to see that planning for the early works of the $80 million redevelopment of Lismore Hospital Stage 3A is well advanced," Mrs Skinner said.

"This wider hospital redevelopment highlights what can be achieved when Commonwealth and State Governments work hand-in-hand."

The Lismore Hospital redevelopment has been made possible due to a $20 million contribution from the NSW Government and an additional $60 million under the Australian Government's Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF).

Mr George welcomed the NSW Health Minister to Lismore saying she has visited the hospital many times since the election.

"It is wonderful to again have the Minister here to check up on this much-needed redevelopment which is so important to our community," Mr George said.

"Planning for the interim EMU is well-advanced with the project expected to go to tender shortly."