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MINISTER ANNOUNCES NEW EQUIPMENT FOR COOMA HOSPITAL

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Monaro MP John Barilaro today visited Cooma Hospital to announce \$65,000 in funding for new medical equipment.

Mrs Skinner, who made the announcement while meeting with staff, said patients will directly benefit from the injection of new equipment.

“The NSW Government is committed to ensuring our rural and regional communities are able to access modern, quality care. Today’s announcement forms part of this commitment,” she said.

“Cooma Hospital will now have a Point of Care ultrasound system that will be used in operating theatres for the identification of sentinel nodes and fine-wire identification of affected nodes.

“The \$65,000 system will also be used in the maternity ward to identify ante-partum haemorrhage and to establish a baby’s position in the womb.

“It’s wonderful to be able to visit Cooma Hospital today with a local member who has championed this facility’s needs and achievements.”

While at the hospital, Mrs Skinner also visited the site which will house the new renal dialysis unit.

“It’s rewarding to be here to see progress being made on our pre-election commitment to establish a comprehensive dialysis service at Cooma,” Mrs Skinner said.

“It’s expected this refurbishment will be completed by September this year.”

Mr Barilaro welcomed the minister to Cooma, saying the announcement is another positive step forward for local patients.

“Today’s announcement demonstrates the NSW Government’s commitment to the health of regional communities,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Patients will now have access to modern technology locally and will not have to leave the comfort of their community.”