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TAMWORTH HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT MAIN WORKS MILESTONE

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Tamworth MP Kevin Anderson today announced the successful contractor for the main works of the \$220 million Tamworth Hospital redevelopment.

Mrs Skinner said Richard Crookes Constructions, in partnership with Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd, has been awarded the contract to build Tamworth Hospital's new acute services building.

"Just two short years ago, Kevin and I stood on the steps of the original hospital building and announced the \$220 million for this important investment was secure," Mrs Skinner said.

"Now we can see Tamworth Hospital's redevelopment becoming a tangible reality with work set to start on-site in the coming weeks.

"A large package of land has been cleared in the middle of the hospital site and in coming weeks major earthworks will continue to level the site for the new five-storey hospital building."

Mr Anderson said the announcement of the successful tenderer marks another milestone in the transformation of health services at Tamworth.

"I know the community joins me in my excitement to see this redevelopment getting off the ground," Mr Anderson said.

"The NSW Liberal & Nationals Government is committed to ensuring Tamworth and surrounding communities have access to modern, quality health care and this redevelopment is a great example of our commitment.

"Our community will have access to a wide range of new health services once this redevelopment is complete in mid-2015."

Once complete, the new acute services building will provide new facilities for vital services including:

- Emergency department;
- Operating theatres, day surgery and recovery;
- Intensive Care and High Dependency Unit (ICU/HDU);
- Coronary Care Unit (CCU);
- Maternity unit, birthing suite and special care nursery;
- Paediatric unit (children's ward);
- Pharmacy;
- Medical, surgical and palliative care units

Richard Crookes Constructions has worked with Hunter New England Health to deliver large-scale health facilities including the new Narrabri Hospital and the new North West Cancer Centre at Tamworth.

Richard Crookes Constructions has also been working at Tamworth Hospital during 2013 to demolish old buildings and level the site.

Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd is currently working on the Cairns Base Hospital Redevelopment and Campbelltown Hospital Redevelopment. The company also completed the \$161.4 million Mater Hospital Redevelopment (PPP) in Newcastle.

The NSW Government has committed \$100 million to the project with the Federal Government contributing \$120 million under the Health and Hospitals Fund.

For more information about the redevelopment please visit the website:
<http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/thsr>