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TENDERS CALLED FOR DUBBO HOSPITAL MAIN WORKS

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Dubbo Troy Grant today announced tenders have been called to complete main works construction on the \$79.8 million project.

Mrs Skinner said today marked another exciting milestone on this much-anticipated redevelopment.

“Dubbo Hospital has a special place in my heart and after 16 years of neglect under Labor, it’s truly rewarding to see more milestones being reached on this project under the NSW Liberals & Nationals,” Mrs Skinner said.

“This \$79.8 million project is an exciting one, which will deliver upgraded health services for Dubbo and surrounding communities.

“I’m proud to see the commitment Troy Grant and I made to the Dubbo community becoming a reality.

“This call for tenders is about more than bricks and mortar – it’s about rebuilding the morale of hospital staff who have long-deserved this redevelopment.”

Mr Grant said the main works contract will be implementing some of the recommendations of the Collins Inquiry.

“It’s incredible to see more milestones being reached on this project so soon after the collapse of National Buildplan Group,” Mr Grant said.

“As a result of the Collins Enquiry, a trust account will be established for subcontractor payments as well as subcontractor retentions so that prompt payments will be made to the contractor and sub-contractors. Back-to-back contract conditions between the head contractor and sub-contractors will also be set up.

“The tenders will also be issued with a list of local sub-contractors who are interested in working on the project.”

The \$79.8 million redevelopment of Dubbo Hospital is jointly funded with the NSW Government providing \$72.7 million and the Australian Government contributing \$7.1 million. It will deliver:

- New operating theatres;
- Day-only and extended day only ward for surgical services;

- Inpatient ward and birthing suite for maternity services;
- Special Care Nursery
- Upgraded renal dialysis unit;
- Central sterilisation department; and
- Refurbished main hospital entry and upgraded infrastructure, including car parking, to support the above clinical services.

The project is scheduled for completion in late-2015.

It is anticipated the successful main works tenderer will commence works in late 2013.