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44 NEW PARAMEDICS FOR REGIONAL NSW

Acting Health Minister Kevin Humphries today announced 44 new positions for paramedics across regional NSW.

Mr Humphries made the announcement during a visit to Dubbo ambulance station, where he met with local paramedics.

“These 44 jobs will be created in the smaller communities currently serviced by three-staff stations,” Mr Humphries said.

“As Minister for Western NSW, I know how warmly these new paramedics will be welcomed how much of a difference they will make in their communities.

“They will boost the capacity of these stations to deal with demand, which often involves significant travel and which poses unique challenges for our hard-working paramedics.”

Mr Humphries said the 44 new positions were made possible by \$3 million growth funding allocated in the 2013/14 NSW Government Budget.

The 44 positions will be allocated to stations in the following NSW Ambulance sectors:

- Hunter & New England - **14**
- North Coast - **4**
- Southern NSW - **19**
- Western NSW - **7**

“The NSW Government is proud of the extraordinary work our paramedics do each day, often in extraordinarily challenging circumstances,” Mr Humphries said.

“By boosting frontline numbers in NSW, we will enhance their capacity to deliver service of the highest standard.”

In December, Health Minister Jillian Skinner released the *Reform Plan for NSW Ambulance* and last month she released the *Reform Plan for Aeromedical (Rotary Wing) Retrieval Services in NSW*.

“The NSW Government is committed to enriching our Ambulance service so that the people of NSW - wherever they might live - receive the best treatment and care,” Mr Humphries said.