



# Jillian Skinner MP

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#### **CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT TAKES SHAPE AS NEW GENERAL MANAGER GETS TO WORK**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner visited Campbelltown Hospital today to inspect progress on the \$139 million redevelopment and to announce Donnelley Constructions as the successful tenderer for the refurbishment of the existing building.

Mrs Skinner was accompanied by local MPs Bryan Doyle (Campbelltown) and Chris Patterson (Camden) and NSW Director-General of Health Dr Mary Foley as she inspected progress on the new clinical services building, which is the centrepiece of the redevelopment.

The Minister and the MPs also met the new general manager of Campbelltown and Camden hospitals, Lynne Bickerstaff, who commenced duties yesterday. Ms Bickerstaff comes to the role from Monash Health in Victoria, where she was director of operations and nursing.

“I am very proud that the NSW Government is getting on with the job of rebuilding Campbelltown Hospital after 16 years of Labor neglect. This redevelopment will ensure it meets the needs of this fast-growing community, now and into the future,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Donnelley Constructions will refurbish the existing building - including the expansion of the emergency department - while the state-of-the-art clinical services building continues to take shape.”

On completion, the Campbelltown Hospital redevelopment will consist of:

- an additional 90 inpatient beds, with capacity for a further 30.
- a reconfigured and expanded emergency department.
- a paediatric outpatients unit.
- four birthing rooms.
- two cardiac catheterisation laboratory/interventional suites.
- a co-located and expanded floor comprising ambulatory care, outpatients, antenatal, allied health consulting rooms and treatment spaces.
- relocation and expansion of supporting space for pathology and clinical information.
- an additional 248 car spaces, including 37 new spaces serving ambulatory care and cancer therapy services, and 110 car spaces in the south-west corner of the campus, bringing the total number of car spaces at the hospital to 1,225.

- loading dock expansion.

“The expanded emergency department will contain 11 new beds, including a new Emergency Short Stay Unit (ESSU) with seven beds and a dedicated Emergency Department Paediatric Unit; new triage and patient flow design to better achieve National Emergency Access Targets (NEAT) and an expanded after-hours GP clinic,” Mrs Skinner said.

“These expanded facilities will allow the Campbelltown Hospital to cater for growing demand on its emergency department, as will growth funding in the 2013/14 Budget.

“South Western Sydney Local Health District received a \$66 million increase in its recurrent budget – the largest increase of any Local Health District in NSW. This takes its recurrent annual budget to \$1.426 billion. The \$139 million redevelopment is in addition to this.”

Member for Campbelltown Bryan Doyle said the Campbelltown Hospital redevelopment was part of the NSW Government’s commitment to increasing health services in south-western Sydney.

“Campbelltown is one of the fastest-growing, most vibrant communities in the state and I am proud that our Government has listened to the community and is delivering a hospital to complement the skill of those who work within it,” Mr Doyle said.

“Our community will watch with interest as the new clinical services building takes shape and the refurbishment of the existing building gathers pace.”

Member for Camden Chris Patterson welcomed Lynne Bickerstaff to the role of general manager of both Campbelltown Hospital and Camden Hospital.

“Ms Bickerstaff’s appointment comes at an exciting time for Campbelltown Hospital. She joins a hospital which was neglected for too long by Labor but which is being redeveloped to serve the needs of our community today and into the future,” Mr Patterson said.

The redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital is scheduled for completion in 2015.

For a project update, go to

<http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/ccq/redevelopment/default.html>.