



# Jillian Skinner MP

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#### **NEW AMBULANCE STATION FOR THE SOUTH EAST REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Bega Andrew Constance today announced the South East Regional Hospital (SERH) site at Bega will be home to a new \$2.8 million ambulance station.

Mrs Skinner said the construction of the new \$2.8 million NSW Ambulance station is scheduled to commence in early 2014, alongside main works for the new hospital.

“The NSW Government is committed to enhancing ambulance infrastructure across the state and the addition of a new station to the South East Regional Hospital site is a win for patients and paramedics alike,” Mrs Skinner said.

“As Health Minister, I want to see better synergies between our hospital and ambulance staff and co-locations such as this one are ideal to develop better training, outcomes and relationships.

“This co-location of services demonstrates that NSW Ambulance and the Southern NSW Local Health District are working together to enhance the quality and coordination of care for patients.”

Mr Constance said the new station will include six vehicle bays, a dual purpose wash bay and service area and workstations for staff.

“This is an exciting time for Bega and surrounding communities – work on our new hospital is underway and a new ambulance station will soon be under construction to support the needs of the community,” Mr Constance.

“The NSW Government is investing in the future of health care for local patients and it is fantastic to see health facilities being enhanced in this region.

“The new station is expected to be operational at the end of next year, with NSW Ambulance moving from their current premises to the new site.

“It will be a considerable improvement on the current facilities and I’m sure local paramedics are looking forward to seeing their new workplace being built.”

The eventual move to the new station will not impact the delivery and continuation of NSW Ambulance services throughout the Bega Valley – stations at Bermagui, Merimbula and Eden will continue to respond to the community.

The \$170.1 million South East Regional Hospital is scheduled for completion in early 2016.

