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\$79.8 MILLION CANCER CENTRE TAKING SHAPE AT PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL

Health Minister Jillian Skinner, Member for Coogee Bruce Notley-Smith and Member for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton today welcomed an important construction milestone for the \$79.8 million Nelune Comprehensive Cancer Centre (NCCC) and Australian Advanced Treatment Centre (AATC) at Prince of Wales Hospital.

Mrs Skinner said the development application for Stage Two of the project has been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure, with the plans on public exhibition.

“The Nelune Comprehensive Cancer Centre will provide an innovative, patient-centred approach to the treatment and post-care of those with cancer and blood disorders,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Stage One of the project is scheduled for completion in the second half of 2014, allowing another important milestone to be achieved - the submission of the development application for Stage Two.

“There are few of us who are not touched by cancer in some way, which is why a state-of-the-art facility such as Nelune promises to offer comfort and hope to so many.”

Mr Notley-Smith said: “I am proud of the NSW Government’s commitment to building and operating state-of-the-art medical facilities such as the Nelune Comprehensive Cancer Centre, which will greatly advance the treatment of those living with and recovering from cancer.”

Ms Upton said: “The Nelune Comprehensive Cancer Centre will be a world-class facility for the people of south-eastern Sydney and the countless others who travel to the Randwick hospital campus from around NSW for treatment and quality care.”

The NCCC will bring together a range of ambulatory, outpatient and radiotherapy services currently provided across eight sites on the Randwick hospital campus.

The AATC - a facility of UNSW - will promote NSW as a premier location for clinical trials and provide an opportunity for fast tracking new medical discoveries.

Stage One of the project will deliver the four radiotherapy bunkers required for three linear accelerators and one additional bunker for research. This area will also include a patient waiting area, landscaped courtyard, treatment review rooms, combined

orthovoltage/brachytherapy room and special areas for adolescents and children. The area will be physically directly linked to Prince of Wales Hospital.

Stage Two of the project will include:

- state-wide youth cancer services
- a cancer genetics and thalassaemia Unit
- gynaecological cancer unit from Royal Hospital for Women
- ambulatory care
- palliative care services
- clinical research, including clinical trials

The plans for Stage Two will be on public exhibition until December 13. To view the plans on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure website, go to http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6180

The NCCC and AATC project is scheduled for completion by mid-2016.

The \$79.8 million project comprises funding from the NSW Government (\$41.5M), Commonwealth Government (\$3.5M), University of New South Wales (\$11M), Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation (\$10.7M), Prince of Wales Hospital's Cancer Services (\$7.1M) and Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation (\$0.3M).

Funding for the linear accelerator replacements will be from the Health Program Grants and Prince of Wales Hospital's Cancer Services Funds (\$5.7M).