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PROJECT TEAM APPOINTED TO PLAN NEXT STAGE OF ST GEORGE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today announced the lead design team has been appointed to progress the next stage of the St George Hospital redevelopment.

The team comprises Sinclair Knight Mertz (architect), Aurora Projects (project managers) and Altus Group Cost Management (cost managers).

The NSW Government committed \$800,000 in October towards planning for the next step of the redevelopment of the hospital. St George Hospital's new \$39 million emergency department is due for completion in the second half of this year.

It is anticipated the next stage of the St George Hospital redevelopment could deliver:

- Extra storeys added to the emergency department to accommodate intensive care, high dependency and cardiac intensive care;
- Theatre expansion, including hybrid theatres;
- Plant and Central Sterilising Services Department (CSSD);
- Inpatient ward expansion;
- Expansion of ambulatory care facilities

"The NSW Liberals & Nationals are delivering for St George Hospital and its community. The \$39 million state-of-the art emergency department is well-underway and we are committed to enhancing the hospital's infrastructure to ensure first class care in a first class facility."

Member for Oatley Mark Coure said: "Since my election as the Member for Oatley, fighting for more funding for St George Hospital has been my key priority. I am proud to be a member of a Government which is funding and planning another major construction project at St George Hospital, even as work continues on the emergency department. We do not rest on our laurels."

Member for Rockdale, Mr John Flowers said the people of St George - as well as many others who come to St George Hospital because of its reputation for high quality care - would welcome today's announcement.

"The appointment of the design team proves again the NSW Government's determination to turn the St George community's hopes into reality."

The South East Sydney Local Health District Board will determine the shape of the redevelopment based on the future clinical needs of St George Hospital and following consultation with management, staff and clinicians.

It is anticipated the first stage of planning will be finalised by late 2014.