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NSW Treasurer  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **GREEN LIGHT FOR \$300 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT OF ST GEORGE AND SUTHERLAND HOSPITALS**

NSW Treasurer Andrew Constance and Health Minister Jillian Skinner today announced the start of the major redevelopments of St George Hospital and Sutherland Hospital - two projects totalling in excess of \$300 million.

Mr Constance and Mrs Skinner were joined at St George Hospital by local MPs John Flowers (Rockdale), Mark Coure (Oatley) and Mark Speakman (Cronulla) to make the historic announcement.

The two projects have an estimated total cost in excess of \$300 million. The final scope and cost will be determined once planning is completed later this year.

Mr Constance said the NSW Budget - which he will deliver on June 17 - will include \$4 million to commence the St George Hospital redevelopment and \$2.24 million to commence the Sutherland Hospital project.

Prior to making the funding announcement, Mr Constance, Mrs Skinner and MPs toured the new \$39 million St George Hospital emergency department, which is due to open to the public in October.

“The redevelopment of St George Hospital and Sutherland Hospital will be two of the largest infrastructure projects undertaken in southern Sydney in decades,” Mr Constance said.

“It’s been a pleasure today to tour the new emergency department, which is nearing completion. The construction of this large, state-of-the-art emergency department demonstrates in a very real way how the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is getting on with delivering better infrastructure for the people of NSW.”

Mrs Skinner said the two redevelopment projects would ensure frontline health care could be delivered in state-of-the-art facilities for decades to come.

“Our Government recognises that St George Hospital and Sutherland Hospital serve a fast-growing part of southern Sydney and the northern Illawarra and by coordinating the delivery of these two projects, we will ensure the best possible outcome for patients and the community,” she said.

Mrs Skinner thanked clinicians, other hospital staff and community members who have been deeply engaged in the consultation process for the new hospital - and she

paid tribute to the local Members of Parliament for their tireless advocacy on behalf of the community.

“The level of engagement of staff and the community in the planning process has been extraordinary,” Mrs Skinner said.

“These two hospitals are much loved by their communities - and I share their excitement that, with today’s announcement, the future is very bright indeed.”

The redevelopment of St George Hospital announced today will expand intensive care, high dependency and cardiac care services, create new operating theatres and enhance inpatient wards.

The new emergency department was designed with the major redevelopment in mind.

The Sutherland Hospital redevelopment will include up to 60 new inpatient beds and an expansion of the emergency department.