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MAIN WORKS BEGIN ON-SITE AT \$80 MILLION LISMORE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Lismore Thomas George today marked a major milestone in the \$80.25 million redevelopment of Lismore Hospital with main works beginning on-site.

Mr George visited Lismore Hospital to celebrate the occasion with local clinicians and hospital staff as well as successful main works tenderers John Holland.

“The redevelopment of Lismore Hospital is well and truly on its way and I’m pleased to see more progress being made on this much-needed project,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The staff at Lismore are first class and they deserve to be able to deliver the wonderful care they provide to patients in a first class facility.

“I have no doubt this upgrade will change the way health care is delivered to the people of Lismore and the surrounding area.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is getting on with the job of redeveloping hospitals across the state after 16 years of Labor neglect.

“Labor promised hospital upgrades but never delivered. The NSW Liberals & Nationals are putting patients first by building better facilities and supporting our hard-working clinicians.”

Mr George said the Lismore Hospital redevelopment site is a hub of activity and demonstrates the NSW Government’s commitment to enhancing health care for the local community.

“Early works have been completed with excavators now on site to complete the demolition and start the building of the foundations of the new hospital building,” Mr George said.

“Lismore Hospital is at the very heart of our community and because it has cared for us and our loved ones for so long it’s time it received some TLC.

“The life-saving and life-changing work that goes on inside this hospital is incredible. The commencement of main works here will be a boost for patients, staff and our community.

“I’m proud to be part of a government that recognises the need to enhance facilities at Lismore with further funds to the tune of \$100,000 also committed to plan the next stage of the redevelopment.

“This planning is due to be finalised in the coming months and I look forward to keeping the community updated on this process.

“The 2014/15 NSW Budget also included \$2.2 million for a new multi-storey car park at Lismore Hospital – a project estimated to be worth \$9.3 million.

“It’s expected that the car park will provide approximately 250 additional car spaces and will cater for staff, patients and visitors. The project is scheduled for completion in late 2015.”

The \$80.25 million Lismore Hospital redevelopment is scheduled for completion in mid-2016.

The project will deliver:

- A new and significantly expanded Emergency Department with 31 treatment spaces;
- Emergency Medical Unit (EMU) with 12 treatment spaces;
- Emergency Care Fast Track with six treatment spaces;
- Expanded Medical Imaging capacity;
- A new ambulance drop-off and bay;
- A new renal dialysis unit with 18 treatment spaces;
- Future expansion space for the next phase of the redevelopment; and
- Refurbished spaces will accommodate an expanded community health unit consisting of purposed designed consult and interview rooms.

The redevelopment will provide improved access to and equity in the delivery of a wider range of services, and additional capacity to respond to the rapid growth in demand and the needs of the local community.

The Lismore Hospital redevelopment has been made possible due to a \$20 million contribution from the NSW Government and \$60.25 million under the Australian Government’s Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF).

To view the Lismore Hospital redevelopment fly-through visit:

http://www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/__documents/publications-and-resources/lismore.m4v/