



# Jillian Skinner MP

## Minister for Health Minister for Medical Research

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## **SNEAK PEEK INSIDE \$144 MILLION ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL CLINICAL SERVICES BUILDING**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today inspected the new Clinical Services Building at Royal North Shore Hospital - the missing piece in the redevelopment of the historic site.

Mrs Skinner toured several levels of the \$144 million Clinical Services Building, which is in the final stages of construction and fit-out and will open to the public in December.

The eight-storey Clinical Services Building will include women's and children's health, mental health, a state-wide burns unit and musculoskeletal ward.

The \$144 million RNSH Clinical Services Building is one of five major Sydney hospital rebuilds nearing completion or well advanced - for a total investment of over \$760 million.

The others are the Stage 1 Blacktown Mt Druitt Hospital redevelopment (\$322 million), the Stage 1 Campbelltown Hospital redevelopment (\$134 million), the Stage 1 Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital redevelopment (\$120 million) and the new emergency department at St George Hospital (\$41 million).

"Royal North Shore Hospital has always had a very special place in my heart - I have been a patient, my children have been patients, many of my constituents come to this great hospital for care," Mrs Skinner said.

"Prior to the 2011 election, I made a personal commitment to Royal North Shore Hospital clinicians that, in Government, I would address their concerns about the inadequacies of some aspects of the planned redevelopment, including the configuration of wards and theatres and the number of inpatient beds.

"I am proud to say that this state-of-the-art Clinical Services Building will deliver on that promise. It has been future-proofed to ensure we can meet demand for the highest level of care to patients for many years to come.

"Our patients and staff deserve world class infrastructure and the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is getting on with the job of delivering it."

The Royal North Shore Hospital Clinical Services Building will include:

- 40 maternity beds

- 32 neonatal Intensive Care Unit cots
- state-wide burns unit, including 12 specialist burns beds
- 24 paediatric beds
- 32-bed mental health inpatient unit (including a 12-bed high dependency facility)
- musculoskeletal ward
- 60-bed inpatient unit

The Clinical Services Building completes the \$1.2 billion redevelopment of Royal North Shore Hospital, which was founded 128 years ago.

Two years ago Mrs Skinner opened the \$1.127 billion Acute Services Building, which links directly to the Clinical Services Building via a raised walkway.

Other completed stages of the redevelopment include construction of the Kolling Building, Royal North Shore Community Health Centre and a 350-space car park.

The refurbishment of the existing Douglas Building will now begin.