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MINISTER JOINS PRIME MINISTER TO CELEBRATE NEW ERA FOR 'THE SAN'

NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner, Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Federal Health Minister Peter Dutton today officially opened the \$200 million redevelopment of the Sydney Adventist Hospital at Wahroonga.

The LW Clark Tower, which is the centrepiece of the redevelopment, gives 'the San' a capacity of over 550 beds, up to 24 operating theatres and a purpose-built, integrated cancer centre.

"Over its 111 years, the San has been providing outstanding care to people across Sydney's north shore, north west, Northern Beaches and Central Coast," Mrs Skinner said.

"Today it is the largest private, not-for-profit hospital in NSW, working closely with public hospitals including Hornsby, Westmead, Gosford and Royal North Shore."

The NSW Government contributed \$10 million to building a new Clinical Education Centre at the San, which opened in November 2013.

And in January this year, medical graduates commenced in six medical intern positions for their year-long internship at the San.

"I was very pleased the San partnered with NSW Health to become the first non-Government hospital in this state to offer medical internships," Mrs Skinner said.

"I look forward to continuing collaborations with the San in areas such as clinical education, medical research and cancer care.

"As the San grow and thrives, it complements the vital work being undertaken in our public hospitals in Sydney's north," Mrs Skinner said.