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STAGE THREE MURWILLUMBAH HOSPITAL ED UPGRADE COMPLETE

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today visited Murwillumbah Hospital to officially open stage three of the facility's emergency department upgrade.

Mrs Skinner was joined by Member for Lismore Thomas George on her second visit to Murwillumbah Hospital this year to officially open the \$450,000 redevelopment.

"At the opening of stages one and two in April, I was delighted to announce \$450,000 in additional funding to complete the final stage of this emergency department upgrade," Mrs Skinner said.

"It's wonderful to be back at Murwillumbah Hospital to see this upgrade complete for the benefit of staff and local patients.

"Murwillumbah Hospital's emergency department is now 60 per cent larger as a result of this redevelopment and the upgrade has enabled the creation of a new resuscitation area and three acute observation bays.

"The NSW Liberals & Nationals are committed to ensuring our rural and regional hospitals are able to deliver their first-class care in first-class facilities. I'm pleased to see this happening at Murwillumbah."

The \$1.7 million stages one, two and three Murwillumbah Hospital emergency department upgrade has delivered:

- A new ambulatory care entrance at the front of the hospital;
- A triage area, reception and waiting room with enhanced security;
- Linkages to the rehabilitation unit;
- An Emergency Medical Unit (EMU) with three bed bays, a paediatric consultation room and general consultation and treatment room;
- An enlarged centralised staff and new utility room;
- A new resuscitation area;
- Three acute observation bays.

Mr George welcomed the completion of works on the Murwillumbah Hospital emergency department.

"Murwillumbah Hospital is at the very heart of its community and it's wonderful to see the NSW Liberals & Nationals investing in this great facility," Mr George said.

“The doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and staff at Murwillumbah provide tremendous health care for this community and I’m pleased to see they can now do so in upgraded facilities.

“I thank the Minister for injecting the additional \$450,000 into this redevelopment to ensure its completion. I have no doubt it will deliver great benefits for local patients.

“The official opening of the new emergency department complements a number of health projects in Northern NSW, including the \$80.25 million upgrade to Lismore Hospital, a new ambulance station at Murwillumbah, the announcement of a new Multi-Purpose Service for Bonalbo and enhancements of local aeromedical services.”