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SITE PREPARED FOR NEW BANKSTOWN SUPER AMBULANCE STATION

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today said the site of Bankstown's new super ambulance station is about to be cleared to allow for the start of construction.

The NSW Government purchased the 96 Canterbury Road site as part of its \$150 million strategy to ensure NSW Ambulance facilities are fit for the future.

Mrs Skinner said the NSW Ambulance Sydney Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy will improve response times by reorganising and enhancing infrastructure to better serve paramedics and patients.

"The NSW Government is committed to building ambulance stations of the future to improve response times and reflect the dynamic nature of the paramedic profession.

"Our paramedics provide world-class care and I'm pleased the NSW Government is investing to ensure they have the world-class facilities they deserve.

"This new station will be one of the first to be built in the metropolitan area in almost 20 years. Construction is set to begin later this year."

A defunct showroom on the site will be demolished and replaced by a state-of-the-art, purpose-built ambulance centre.

East Hills MP Glenn Brookes said the new ambulance station is being built to ensure paramedics are in the right place as quickly as possible.

"This new ambulance station will bring paramedic services into the future and has been strategically located to deliver quick, quality care," Mr Brookes said.

"It is anticipated the station will house about 20 ambulances – a major increase on the current station.

"It will also be a modern, more comfortable base from which paramedics can get on the road to deliver their life-saving care for our community."

NSW Ambulance Commissioner Ray Creen said the Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy has been developed to build ambulance stations of the future.

"The super ambulance station concept gives us the capacity to better align our paramedics and our vehicles to meet patient activity and demand. It will ensure we get

the right treatment, to the right patient, at the right time, in the right way – every time,” Commissioner Creen said.

“These buildings will provide a platform from which NSW Ambulance can deliver an even more improved service to our patients.”

A geotechnical study will also be undertaken and underground services such as gas and water will be secured and sealed in readiness for the new construction.

Further super ambulance station sites will be developed as the five-year program rolls out.