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\$1.4 BILLION BUILDING BOOM FOR NSW HOSPITALS

A record \$1.4 billion will be invested over the coming year to rebuild the state's hospitals and health facilities, Health Minister Jillian Skinner said today.

"In our first four-year term of government, the NSW Liberals & Nationals invested \$4.8 billion to upgrade hospitals and health facilities across the state," Mrs Skinner said.

"In our second term, we will invest more than \$5 billion - including \$1.4 billion in the coming financial year - to ensure patients receive the best care in first-class facilities."

New investment in health capital works in the 2015-16 NSW Budget include:

- \$72.1 million toward the Westmead Hospital redevelopment (including Stage 1B and the car park).
- \$30 million toward the next stage of the Blacktown Mount Druitt Hospital redevelopment.
- \$30.2 million toward the next stage of the Lismore Hospital redevelopment.
- \$12.8 million to commence work at Armidale, Bowral, Broken Hill, Grafton, Macksville, Manning, Muswellbrook, Ryde and St Vincent's hospitals.
- \$11.8 million to plan future new works at Prince of Wales Hospital, Tweed Hospital, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Forensic Pathology and NSW Coroner's Court.
- \$25 million to expand and improve paediatric research facilities, including building a \$6 million paediatric clinical trials centre with the Kids Research Institute at Westmead.
- \$14.4 million for NSW Ambulance stations in rural NSW, including Berry, Harden, Molong and Wagga Wagga.
- \$29 million to continue delivering new Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) facilities for regional areas, including Barham, Bonalbo, Molong and Walgett.
- \$2.25 million to build a HealthOne facility at Coraki.

In addition to this new spending, nearly \$900 million will be invested to continue work in progress, including at Blacktown Mount Druitt, Bulli, Byron Central, Campbelltown, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Forbes, Gosford, Hornsby, John Hunter (Newcastle), Kempsey, Lismore, Long Jetty, Parkes, South East Regional Hospital (Bega), St George, Sutherland, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Wollongong and five new ambulance 'super stations' in Sydney (Bankstown, Blacktown, Kogarah, Liverpool and Penrith).

"The good news for the people of NSW is that they will continue to see cranes in the air and workers on the ground as we get on with the job of delivering better hospitals, in the city and the bush," Mrs Skinner said.

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