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WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL CAR PARK MAKING PATIENTS' LIVES EASIER

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast Gareth Ward today celebrated the first major milestone for Wollongong Hospital's new \$30.5 million car park.

Mrs Skinner said early data showed more than 25,000 cars had used the expanded multi-level parking facility since it opened at the beginning of the month.

"Wollongong Hospital's new car park has more than doubled parking capacity to over 1400 spaces," Mrs Skinner said.

"By easing the burden of searching for a car space, we are making patients' stays at Wollongong Hospital more comfortable from the time they arrive."

While visiting the hospital today, Mrs Skinner and Mr Ward also toured the new intensive care unit, delivered as part of the ongoing \$106 million Wollongong Hospital redevelopment.

Mr Ward said the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government was serious about delivering health infrastructure in the Illawarra.

"The Wollongong Hospital redevelopment is continuing apace, with the new car park complimenting the expanding health campus," Mr Ward said.

"Construction of the new parking complex began just over a year ago and finished well before the original completion date, proving we deliver on our commitments."

The new car park features four lifts for better access and new modern credit card facilities at exit gates.

It also provides dedicated parking for motor cycles and bicycles for patients, public and staff.