



Jillian Skinner
Minister for Health

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DR MARY FOLEY

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today thanked Secretary of Health Dr Mary Foley for leading the NSW health system with distinction for five years.

Dr Foley will not seek re-appointment when her contract expires in April.

“Dr Foley was appointed to lead NSW Health on April 4, 2011 - the day after I was sworn in as Health Minister,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Since then, we have worked closely to transform NSW Health, which now sets a benchmark in Australia and is the equal of leading health systems across the world.

“Dr Foley has made an outstanding contribution through her personal leadership qualities, formidable technical and policy expertise and practical experience in managing complex health issues.

“I wish to thank her for assisting me in meeting the challenges which have inevitably arisen as we established a devolved health system, with greater local decision-making and an improved focus on patient outcomes.

“In all her endeavours she has been committed to NSW Health’s CORE values of collaboration, openness, respect and empowerment.”

Mrs Skinner said Dr Foley’s notable achievements include:

- a comprehensive Governance Review of NSW Health in 2011, which set the framework for devolution of decision making to Local Health Districts.
- the design and implementation of the new funding model and performance framework, using Activity Based Funding.
- raising the profile of and increasing investment in medical research.
- positioning NSW to take a proactive approach in Commonwealth-State health arrangements.

Recruitment for Dr Foley’s successor is underway.