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### **GOSFORD HOSPITAL: AHEAD OF TIME AND UNDER BUDGET**

The redevelopment of Gosford Hospital is on time and under budget, with the world-class facility now due to be completed in 2018, and the savings committed toward a proposed new medical school for the Central Coast.

NSW Premier Mike Baird, Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian and Health Minister Jillian Skinner today visited Gosford Hospital to announce the acceleration of construction of the multi-million dollar project.

“This is about ensuring the community can receive state-of-the art health care close to home - and delivering it ahead of time, and under budget,” Mr Baird said.

Ms Berejiklian said the hospital represented one of the NSW Government’s biggest investments in regional health infrastructure.

“By fast-tracking the construction we can complete the main tower building up to four months sooner than projected - in the second half of 2018 - with a saving of about \$20 million and no reduction in the project’s scope or clinical services,” she said.

Furthermore, the NSW Government will commit the \$20 million savings to the Central Coast Medical School and Research Centre proposal. The funds will be provided once the project is finalised and the remaining balance is provided by the Commonwealth.

Mrs Skinner said Gosford Hospital was part of a record health infrastructure investment.

“Our commitment to rebuilding the state’s ageing health infrastructure couldn’t be clearer than on the Central Coast where we are also investing \$200 million in the redevelopment of Wyong Hospital,” she said.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and Central Coast Scot MacDonald and Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch also viewed the site where demolition works are nearing completion and to announce the main works contract award to Lend Lease Building.

Gosford Hospital will deliver a major upgrade in health services and facilities, including a new 11-storey tower, front entrance and extra car parking. It will feature a new emergency department, intensive care and high dependency unit, cardiovascular, maternity and paediatric services, a coronary care unit, medical

imaging facilities, psychiatric care centre and expanded cancer services.

The estimated total cost of the redevelopment is \$348 million. Commissioning and refurbishment of some existing areas of the hospital will follow completion of the tower.

To view the redevelopment, visit: [www.gwhr.health.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.gwhr.health.nsw.gov.au/)