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PLANNING APPROVAL FOR PENRITH'S NEW AMBULANCE SUPERSTATION

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Penrith MP Stuart Ayres today welcomed news that major works will soon begin on Penrith's new NSW Ambulance superstation, with planning approval granted for the High Street site.

The Penrith superstation is part of the NSW Government's \$150 million Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy (SAMIS) investment, which currently includes five sites across Sydney.

Mrs Skinner said the multi-million dollar superstation facilities will provide paramedics with enhanced bases and support staff to assist paramedics to clean and restock vehicles.

"This new ambulance superstation is among the first new ambulance stations to be built in metropolitan Sydney in almost 20 years," Mrs Skinner said.

Mr Ayres said the Penrith superstation will help ensure paramedics are better equipped to meet the projected demand on Western Sydney's paramedic resources.

"The Penrith superstation will have parking bays for up to 22 ambulance vehicles and will feature facilities that are a major improvement on the current 75-year-old station at High Street," Mr Ayres said.

NSW Ambulance Chief Executive Dominic Morgan said the Penrith superstation is due for completion in 2017 and will be a key hub for local paramedics and support staff.

"This purpose-built, modern facility will sit at the heart of Penrith and will be supported by a network of smaller stations known as Paramedic Response Points, which will mean paramedics are better placed to support the communities of Penrith and surrounds during medical emergencies," Mr Morgan said.

Following planning approval by Penrith City Council for the site at 141 High Street, a contract was awarded to Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd.

Construction works have now begun on four other superstations at Blacktown, Bankstown, Kogarah and Liverpool. Further locations will be announced as the five-year SAMIS program is rolled out.

For more information and to view artist's impressions of the superstations, visit:
<http://www.ambulancesuperstations.health.nsw.gov.au/>.