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NSW BUDGET: \$133 MILLION TO CONTINUE MAJOR GOSFORD HOSPITAL REVAMP

The 2016-17 Budget will deliver \$133 million towards the major redevelopment of Gosford Hospital, including \$15 million to commence work on a new \$35.5 million multi-storey car park, which will include 800 car spaces.

Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian and Health Minister Jillian Skinner today announced the massive injection towards the \$348 million hospital project and \$35.5 million car park, included in the NSW Budget, to be handed down on Tuesday June 21.

They were joined by Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and Central Coast Scot MacDonald and Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch on a tour of the special care nursery and surgical admissions centre, which will be expanded as part of the redevelopment.

Ms Berejiklian said the allocation will allow construction to pick up pace and get cranes on-site. "This \$133 million allocation is the biggest regional investment in health infrastructure across the state in the Budget. The Gosford Hospital project has not had a major upgrade since 2005 and is a priority for the NSW Government," she said.

Mrs Skinner said everything is on track to complete the 11-storey main tower building - the centrepiece of the redevelopment - in the second half of 2018. "Demolition is complete and main construction works have commenced. Every day the community can see progress on the new hospital, which will really take off over the next year," she said.

Gosford Hospital's 2016-17 Budget windfall comes after the NSW Government recently announced the project will be delivered ahead of time and under budget, with the \$20 million in savings committed to a new Central Coast Medical School.

Once complete, Gosford Hospital will be a totally transformed facility featuring a new main entrance, a new and expanded 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.

Mr Crouch said: "Lack of parking is one of the biggest concerns received in my office so I am delighted about the development of a new multi-storey car park."

Mr MacDonald said: "This announcement is recognition of the Central Coast's remarkable growth and the need to support this growing community."