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RECORD \$7.7 BILLION HOSPITAL BUILDING BUDGET

A record investment of more than \$7.7 billion will be delivered in the next four years to continue the NSW Government's track record of building world class hospitals and health services. This boosts health infrastructure spending by an additional \$2.8bn over the four years to 2020-21, an increase of more than 50 percent over that period.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the record amount will be invested in new facilities, upgrades, and redevelopments, with almost \$1.7 billion to be spent just in the next year.

"Our strong economic management has enabled us to deliver more than 50 new and upgraded health facilities since coming into office in 2011," Ms Berejiklian said.

"The funding in this year's budget will take things to a new level with four new hospitals, five new carparks and 15 upgrades or redevelopments in the pipeline, as well as planning funds for five hospitals. The funding will also ensure 21 existing hospital redevelopments and four carparks continue to progress."

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the benefits of the Government's enormous hospital building program would be felt right across the State.

"This budget will ensure health facilities around NSW will get much-needed upgrades or even be rebuilt from the ground up," Mr Perrottet said.

Minister for Health and Medical Research Brad Hazzard said, "This is a huge win for the community as we overcome decades of neglect left by Labor, and a huge win for our economy with thousands of jobs generated across NSW in this hospital building bonanza."

"At the last election NSW voters again put their faith in us to get on with the job of rebuilding NSW and this \$7.7 billion over the next four years seals the deal to get on with our remaining health infrastructure election commitments."

New major works commencing in 2017-18 include:

- Expanding and enhancing services including emergency, critical care, mental health inpatient and paediatric services with the \$632 million **Campbelltown** Hospital Stage 2, Mental Health and South West Paediatric Service
- Expanding and enhancing services including maternity and neonatal care, emergency, surgical, and inpatient and outpatient services with the \$576 million **Nepean** Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services Redevelopment and the Nepean Hospital Car Park

- A new state-of-the-art hospital on a greenfield site for the growing Tweed community, including an expanded emergency department, inpatient care and enhanced surgical and outpatient services with the \$534 million **Tweed Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services Redevelopment**.
- Delivering the Rusty Priest Centre for Rehabilitation and Aged Care including a Centre for Excellence for defence force and emergency services personnel and upgrading the infrastructure and increasing inpatient capacity with the \$341 million **Concord Hospital Redevelopment**
- Expanding and redeveloping the Randwick Hospitals' campus to better integrate health, research and education providers and deliver new hospital infrastructure and capacity for future expansion of clinical services with the \$720 million **Randwick campus reconfiguration and expansion stage 1**

Other highlights of the NSW Government health capital works investment for 2017-18 include allocations to:

- Continue the **Gosford Hospital redevelopment** (more than \$112 million, including \$25 million for the carpark)
- Continue the **Westmead Hospital redevelopment** (more than \$110 million including \$20.6 million for the carpark)
- Continue the expansion of the **Blacktown and Mount DrUITT Hospitals** (more than \$110 million including \$6.7 million for the carpark)
- Redevelop rural and regional hospitals at **Albury, Coffs Harbour, Cooma, Goulburn, Inverell, Lismore, Shellharbour, Wagga Wagga, and Wyong** (almost \$48 million)
- Commence work on building new hospitals at **Macksville, Maitland, and Mudgee** (\$36 million)
- Deliver easy to read, accurate and more accessible patient records and hospital pathology results and upgrade digital infrastructure across the state through three **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)** projects (\$73 million)
- Continue the **St George Hospital redevelopment** (\$56 million)
- Continue the **Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy** (\$48 million)
- Progress stage 2 of the **Hornsby Hospital Redevelopment** (\$24 million including \$4 million for the carpark)
- Undertake planning for **Rouse Hill, Liverpool, St George and Tumut hospitals**, a staged development at **Griffith Hospital** and a Statewide Mental Health capital works program (\$15 million)
- Carparks at **Campbelltown, Shoalhaven, and St George** hospitals (almost \$14 million)
- Continue to foster cutting-edge research and clinical innovation across NSW with the second phase of the **Medical Research Infrastructure Initiatives** (\$10 million)

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