



# **Jillian Skinner MP**

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#### **NSW GOVERNMENT COMMITS TO PLAN NEXT STAGE OF LISMORE REDEVELOPMENT**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Lismore Thomas George today announced \$100,000 to progress planning for the next stage of the Lismore Hospital redevelopment.

Mrs Skinner said the next redevelopment stage will follow on from the \$80 million upgrade to the hospital.

“The redevelopment of Lismore Hospital is absolutely vital to ensure it can continue to meet the needs of Northern NSW patients,” Mrs Skinner said.

“I’m delighted to announce further funding to progress planning for the next stage of this important redevelopment.

“Our investment in health at Lismore already represents one the biggest hospital redevelopments in regional NSW. I’m pleased we’re now building on this with further funding to plan the expansion of acute services, including operating theatres.”

Mr George said planning will commence in early 2014 and it is anticipated its first stage of will be finalised by mid-2014.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals are getting on with the job of upgrading our hospital,” Mr George said.

“Our community knows how much this rebuild is needed and I’m pleased to see further investment to progress works which will ensure local patients can access quality care, closer to home.”

The planning process will involve consultation with local staff, clinicians and management to identify the key clinical priorities.

The next stage of the Lismore Hospital redevelopment will see the expansion of acute services including critical care, operating theatres, maternity, new inpatient beds and support areas. It will also complete the relocation and consolidation of community health and ambulatory care services and provide for enhanced teaching and education facilities.

The Northern NSW Local Health District Board will determine details of the development based on future clinical needs of Lismore Hospital following advice from the local consultation carried.

The current redevelopment includes the following:

- A new and significantly expanded Emergency Department with 31 treatment spaces;
- Emergency Medical Unit (EMU) with 12 treatment spaces;
- Emergency Care Fast Track with 6 treatment spaces;
- Expanded Medical Imaging capacity;
- A new ambulance drop-off and bay;
- A new renal dialysis unit with 18 treatment spaces;
- Future expansion space for the next phase of the redevelopment; and
- Refurbished spaces will accommodate an expanded community health unit consisting of purposed designed consult and interview rooms.

The Lismore Hospital redevelopment has been made possible due to a \$20 million contribution from the NSW Government and \$60 million under the Australian Government's Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF).

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