



# Jillian Skinner MP

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### TWO MORE MILESTONES FOR LISMORE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Lismore Thomas George today welcomed two milestones for the Lismore Hospital redevelopment.

Mrs Skinner and Mr George welcomed two announcements by Health Infrastructure:-

- the granting by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure of approval for the \$80 million Stage 3a redevelopment, which includes a new emergency department. Main works are scheduled to commence mid-2014.
- the appointment of a lead design team to plan a further stage of redevelopment. The team comprises: Woods Bagot (architect), Aurora Projects (project manager) and Altus Page Kirkland (cost manager). In December, the NSW Government announced \$100,000 to progress planning of the further redevelopment.

“The good news just keeps rolling in for the people of Lismore,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Not only is Lismore Hospital undergoing an \$80 million upgrade, it will then be subject to a further redevelopment.

“The NSW Liberal & Nationals Government recognizes that Lismore serves a dynamic and growing part of our state and needs modern health services that reflect this fact,” Mrs Skinner said.

The Stage 3a redevelopment of Lismore Hospital has a capital budget of \$80.25 million, with \$20 million from the NSW Government and \$60.25 million from the Australian Government’s Health & Hospitals Fund.

The Stage 3a redevelopment of Lismore Hospital will include:

- 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

- Refurbished spaces to accommodate an expanded community health unit consisting of purposed designed consult and interview rooms.

The Stage 3a redevelopment is scheduled for completion in 2016.

The further redevelopment will build on the work already committed as a part of Stage 3a and will include: expansion of acute services zones encompassing critical care facilities, 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.

Mr George said he is proud to be a member of a Government which is committed to the needs of regional communities such as Lismore.

“This announcement is another important stage in the development of the hospital. This is a great win for the community,” Mr George said.

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