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### **BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL TO BE BEST OF THE BEST**

Work has begun on the centrepiece of the Blacktown Hospital redevelopment which will see it transformed into one of the nation's leading health care facilities, delivering improved health services and thousands of new jobs to Western Sydney.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Health Minister Brad Hazzard today inspected the site for the new acute services building which is the jewel in the \$700 million Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals Expansion Project.

"The NSW Government is making an unprecedented investment in our health system and the works at Blacktown Hospital and Mount Druitt Hospital highlight this commitment," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We have allocated almost \$6 billion for new hospitals and the expansion of existing hospitals and medical facilities over the past six years, and more is to come."

Mr Hazzard said every area of the new building has been co-designed with staff and patients to create the best possible environment for recovery.

"Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals will have the best-of-the-best. The best technology and the best clinical services in the best setting, giving patients the best chance to get back on their feet."

The new acute services building will include:

- New emergency department with more emergency and short stay beds and a new psychiatric emergency care unit
- New intensive care unit with more beds
- Eight new operating theatres and space for future expansion
- New purpose-built wards for expanded birthing, maternity, women's health, and newborn care
- New paediatric service with dedicated emergency, day stay, clinics and a ward with carer zones so a parent or carer can comfortably stay overnight.

The Stage 2 works will also see construction of a multi-storey car park with over 400 additional spaces to be completed in late 2017. The acute services building will be completed in 2019.

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