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FIRST LOOK INSIDE \$81.9 MILLION KEMPSEY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Oxley Melinda Pavey today inspected construction progress on the Kempsey Hospital redevelopment.

After inspecting the exterior of the completed clinical services building and progress on the new hospital entry from Polwood Street, they toured the reception area, inpatient unit, operating theatres and expanded emergency department.

Mrs Skinner said the Kempsey Hospital project is one of the government's proudest regional health achievements.

"Kempsey was a hospital in dire need of upgrading after years of neglect. When I last visited the site in December last year, construction had reached its highest point. I'm amazed by the progress made since then," she said.

Ms Pavey said: "It's clear this hospital redevelopment will bring a range of benefits and improved services to local carers, patients and their families."

On completion, the Kempsey District Hospital redevelopment will deliver:

- an expanded emergency department and emergency medical unit
- an integrated community care centre and selected clinical support services
- a medical imaging department
- an acute inpatient unit and expanded high dependency and coronary care unit
- operating theatres and an expanded day surgery unit
- major expansion of renal dialysis services and a new renal training unit
- major expansion of oral health services
- investment in and expansion of primary health care and community services
- new and reconfigured parking

The redevelopment project is jointly funded by the NSW Government (\$41.9 million) and the Commonwealth's Health and Hospitals Fund (\$40 million). Main construction is scheduled to conclude late this year, with refurbishment works due to be completed by mid-2016.

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