



# Jillian Skinner MP

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#### **\$120 MILLION FOR MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT OF GOULBURN HOSPITAL**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Goulburn MP Pru Goward today announced a re-elected Baird Government will invest \$120 million for the major redevelopment of Goulburn Hospital.

Mrs Skinner said works will begin on-site in the next term of the Baird Government, if re-elected on March 28.

“The need for a major upgrade at Goulburn Hospital is clear, which is why we are making this significant investment to ensure this facility can deliver first-class care for patients well into the future,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The upgrade of Goulburn Hospital will include improved capacity through fit-for-purpose infrastructure including the emergency department, intensive care unit and theatres, inpatient services and a comprehensive ambulatory care service.

“Planning will continue over the coming months to identify what other services could be incorporated into the redevelopment.”

Mrs Skinner said the announcement will have wide-reaching benefits, particularly for the 16,000-plus patients who attend the Goulburn Hospital emergency department each year.

“The Baird Government committed \$600,000 in its first term to plan the upgrade of Goulburn and in our second term we are committed to this major redevelopment,” Mrs Skinner said.

“I’ve visited Goulburn Hospital on many occasions and the clinicians and community have been champions of this redevelopment. I know it will benefit them greatly and act as a magnet to attract staff to this region.

“If re-elected, the Baird Government make a record investment of more than \$5 billion in infrastructure to make our health system the strongest in the country – which will result in total infrastructure spend reaching almost \$10 billion over an eight year period.

“Put simply, we will spend more in eight years than Labor spent in the entire 16 years it was in government.”

Ms Goward said the funding will mark a new era in health care for Goulburn Hospital.

“Goulburn Hospital is a strong thread in the fabric of our community. It is where we have welcomed new life and farewelled loved ones and I could not be prouder we are committing to its major redevelopment today,” Ms Goward said.

“This has been a long road and I want to thank clinicians and the community for standing alongside me to champion this redevelopment – the need for it is clear.

“Goulburn deserves a state-of-the-art hospital and under the Baird Government that is exactly what we will get.”

New hospital projects including the new Rouse Hill Hospital, the redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital and an increase in paediatric capacity in South West Sydney will all be funded from the Rebuilding NSW Hospitals Fund and are on top of the record health infrastructure investment announced at Goulburn today.

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