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CONSTRUCTION KICKS OFF FOR \$8 MILLION COFFS HARBOUR HOSPITAL CAR PARK

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Coffs Harbour MP Andrew Fraser today welcomed the start of construction on a new ground-level car park at Coffs Harbour Hospital.

Mrs Skinner said Health Infrastructure has awarded the construction tender to AW Edwards.

“Nearly every patient survey identifies the lack of parking as a major issue and the NSW Government is acting to fix this problem at Coffs Harbour,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The \$8 million project will deliver more than 450 additional parking spaces to benefit staff, patients and visitors.

“Construction is set for completion by the middle of the year and I have no doubt this new car park will provide much convenience for the community.”

Mr Fraser said the new car park will be located on the southern end of the Coffs Harbour Hospital campus.

“Providing sufficient parking spaces at our hospital is about more than just convenience - it is about ensuring people have adequate access to quality health care,” Mr Fraser said.

“For some visiting hospital can be a joyous experience but for many it is a challenging time, which is made worse when parking becomes a problem.

“I’m pleased the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is getting on with the job of enhancing parking for patients, staff and the wider community at Coffs Harbour Hospital.”

The project will require minor adjustments to the existing car park entrances. The main hospital entrance and the Emergency Department entrance will remain unchanged. A new southern vehicle entry from Phil Hawthorn Drive will be included as part of the project.

Rates for parking in the new car park will be in line with the *NSW Health Hospital Car Parking Policy 2013*.

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