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NEW AMBULANCE STATIONS FOR WYONG AND TOUKLEY

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today announced the Baird Government will invest \$9.1 million in new ambulance stations at Wyong and Toukley if re-elected.

Mrs Skinner made the announcement alongside Central Coast Liberal candidates Sandra Kerr (Wyong), Michael Sharpe (The Entrance) and Adam Crouch (Terrigal) at Wyong today.

The funding comprises \$4.9 million for a new Wyong ambulance station and \$4.2 million for a new Toukley ambulance station and forms part of the NSW Ambulance Rural Infrastructure Reconfiguration Program.

“The NSW Government is committed to supporting paramedics in the life-changing and life-saving care they provide,” Mrs Skinner said.

“This \$9.1 million investment underlines the commitment of the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government to build ambulance stations of the future to improve response times.

“These new stations will be a considerable improvement on the current facilities, which combined are more than 110 years old.”

Mrs Skinner said planning for the new stations is underway and they will be constructed in the next term of the Baird Government.

“The state’s paramedics do an extraordinary job in what can be extraordinarily challenging circumstances,” Mrs Skinner said.

“As the population grows and ages, so does the demand on NSW Ambulance, particularly in regions like the Central Coast.

“During its 16 years in government, Labor did nothing to future-proof our ambulance services. By contrast, the NSW Liberals & Nationals will continue to invest in NSW Ambulance infrastructure and our professional paramedics, who deliver expert, first-class care for patients.”

In the last year alone, the NSW Government has boosted Ambulance budget by \$30 to a record \$752 million. The paramedic workforce has also increased by 205 staff to 3,435 paramedics since March 2011 (full-time equivalent positions as at June 2014).

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