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**\$10 BILLION BAIRD GOVERNMENT HEALTH BOOM:  
MORE THAN LABOR'S ENTIRE 16-YEAR LEGACY**

A re-elected Baird Government will spend more than \$5 billion to build and upgrade more than 60 hospital and health services over the next four years, bringing the total spend on health infrastructure to almost \$10 billion since the 2011 election.

NSW Premier Mike Baird and Health Minister Jillian Skinner today announced as part of this program, more than \$900 million will be invested in the redevelopment of Westmead Hospital and The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Local MPs Geoff Lee (Parramatta), Tony Issa (Granville) and David Elliott (Baulkham Hills), and Liberal candidate for Seven Hills Mark Taylor joined Mr Baird and Mrs Skinner for the announcement at Westmead Hospital.

"The NSW Liberals & Nationals have a proven record of delivering health infrastructure right across NSW. Our first term has been marked by a \$4.8 billion hospital building boom - from Bega to Blacktown and Wagga Wagga to Westmead," Mr Baird said.

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

"Put simply, we will spend more in 8 years than Labor spent in the entire 16 years it was in government.

"Labor can't be trusted to invest in our health system, nor can it deliver the funding our health system needs."

The 60 capital projects to be delivered in our second-term include the following projects that have been announced in recent weeks:

- **\$200 million:** Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital
- **\$170 million:** Wagga Wagga Base Hospital
- **\$150 million:** Dubbo Hospital
- **\$60 million:** Mudgee Hospital
- **\$50 million:** Macksville Hospital
- **\$48 million:** Tweed Hospital

- **\$30 million:** Broken Hill Hospital
- **\$20 million:** Manning Base Hospital
- **\$5 million:** Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre
- **\$2 million:** Gunnedah Hospital

“With the Westmead announcement today, we have announced almost \$2 billion of our \$5 billion second-term capital plan,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Watch this space - there’ll be more good news in the weeks to come.”

The Westmead investment comprises \$430 million in funds already committed by the NSW Liberals & Nationals and more than \$480 million in additional funds committed if re-elected.

The major redevelopment announced today will include:

- **\$750 million** to upgrade Westmead Hospital, including a new acute services building with an emergency department; up to 14 operating theatres; additional intensive care beds and more inpatient beds.
- **\$72 million** to construct a new Westmead Hospital car park (2200 spaces).
- **\$95 million** for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead to expand the emergency department, operating theatres and day surgery unit and to construct the new Developing Mind Centre.

Future enhancements to the medical research precinct and mental health facilities will take the value of the Westmead campus redevelopment to more than \$1 billion.

“Westmead Hospital is iconic but desperately in need of modernisation and expansion to meet the needs of this rapidly-growing region,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Our patients and staff deserve state-of-the-art facilities to rival the outstanding care which this hospital is known for – and we will deliver it.”

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 today.

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