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## **\$50 MILLION FOR RECORD REDEVELOPMENT OF BOWRAL HOSPITAL**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Wollondilly MP Jai Rowell today announced \$50 million will be invested in the major upgrade of Bowral Hospital if the Baird Government is re-elected on 28 March.

Mrs Skinner said the funding marks a record investment in Bowral Hospital and will benefit patients for generations to come.

“The \$50 million redevelopment of Bowral Hospital will be a game changer for this beautiful part of NSW. It will ensure the facility is brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and can care for its community well into the future,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Bowral Hospital delivers kind, compassionate and quality care to local patients but it is a tired facility in need of an upgrade. The current hospital must be redeveloped to ensure it can deliver contemporary health care for best patient outcomes.”

Planning will be undertaken to determine the scope of the Bowral Hospital redevelopment.

Mr Rowell said the \$50 million will deliver upgraded facilities at Bowral Hospital to provide improved access to services and meet future demand.

“It’s vital our regional health services are modernised to ensure patients can receive quality health care closer to home,” Mr Rowell said.

“This investment will ensure our hard-working doctors, nurses and others who have been working in trying conditions will soon have a workplace they can be proud of.

“Bowral and neighbouring communities are wonderful places to live and I have no doubt this upgrade will go a long way to attracting quality staff to our region.

“I’m pleased the government is committed to the major upgrade of Bowral Hospital. This is a project that will bring our hospital and health care into the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” Mr Rowell said.

Member for Goulburn Pru Goward said: “For sixteen years Bowral hospital was neglected by Labor. I made it a top priority as local member and am so pleased it is now happening. It is a dream come true.”

If re-elected, the Baird Government will 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, the Baird Government will spend more in eight years than Labor spent in the entire 16 years it was in government.

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 planned \$5 billion infrastructure program, which includes the \$50 million investment in Bowral Hospital announced today