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PATIENTS & PARAMEDICS TO BENEFIT FROM \$11.7 MILLION HEALTH BOOST FOR YASS

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Goulburn MP Pru Goward today announced a re-elected Baird Government will enhance health services at Yass, with the construction of a new ambulance station and Multi-Purpose Service (MPS).

Mrs Skinner said if re-elected on March 28, the Baird Government will invest \$3.7 million for a new ambulance station and \$8 million to build a new MPS for the benefit of Yass patients and their loved ones.

“For 65 years, Yass ambulance station has been a home for local paramedics. It’s time for an upgrade and I’m pleased the Baird Government will deliver it,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Planning and work on the new station will commence in the next term of the Baird Government. I have no doubt it will deliver great benefits for local paramedics and their patients.”

Mrs Skinner said Multi-Purpose Services are much loved by their communities due to their tailored approach to health care. Funding to accelerate the delivery of Multi-Purpose Services across NSW is made possible by *Rebuilding NSW* - our \$20 billion plan to turbocharge the State through the delivery of key infrastructure.

“Planning for the new MPS at Yass will be complete by the end of the year, which will determine the type of services to be delivered by the facility,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The new Multi-Purpose Service for Yass will care for the community for decades to come.”

Ms Goward welcomed the announcements saying regional and rural health is a key focus of the Baird Government.

“These health enhancements not only deliver enhanced care for patients but they will act as a magnet to attract new staff to Yass,” Ms Goward said.

“The Baird Government is committed to ensuring rural and regional communities have better access to health services closer to home and these announcements are a great example of this commitment in action.

“Only the Baird Government can be trusted to enhance health services at Yass. This is a cause championed by the community and I’m pleased we have heard their call.”

Member for Burrinjuck Katrina Hodgkinson said years of campaigning by clinicians and the community has paid off.

“For many years I have stood alongside clinicians and the community calling for enhanced health services in our region and I’m so pleased this commitment has been made. The Baird

Government is investing to secure the health of this community.”

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 \$11.7 million investment in Yass health services announced today.

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