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BLACKTOWN MT DRUITT HOSPITAL BOOM: \$400 MILLION FOR NEXT STAGE OF MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT

The major redevelopment of Blacktown Mt Drutt Hospital will reach new heights under a re-elected Baird Government with \$400 million committed today to bolster the project for the benefit of Western Sydney patients.

The \$400 million Stage 2 commitment builds on the \$322 million Stage 1 Blacktown Mt Drutt Hospital redevelopment, which is well-underway. Work on Stage 2 will commence on-site in the next term of a re-elected Baird Government.

“The Baird Government is committed to ensuring the compassionate health care provided for patients is delivered from first-class facilities,” Mr Baird said.

“Our investment in Blacktown Mt Drutt Hospital is unprecedented and this \$400 million commitment shows the job is not done yet – we will ensure the world-class care that is delivered here is done from a world-class facility.

“This is a great day for the Blacktown Mt Drutt Hospital campus, which has been the site of the state’s single largest hospital construction project in the Baird Government’s first term.

“Western Sydney is one of Australia’s fastest growing regions and it is vital that Blacktown Mt Drutt Hospital is redeveloped to meet the community’s health care needs, now and into the future.

“Labor ignored this hospital campus and its dedicated staff for 16 years. The Baird Government has a clear record of delivering enhanced health services for Blacktown and Mt Drutt and we will continue to do so if re-elected on March 28.”

Mrs Skinner said the \$400 million Stage 2 redevelopment of Blacktown Mt Drutt Hospital will include a new emergency department, intensive care, ambulatory care, operating theatres, extra inpatient beds and a boost to maternity and paediatric services. The redevelopment also includes works at Mt Drutt Hospital to improve imaging and surgery services.

“The transformation of the Blacktown Mt Drutt Hospital campus over the last four years has been extraordinary,” Mrs Skinner said.

“There have been cranes in the air, a state-of-the-art building has risen from the ground, morale of staff is high and patients are excited about the future of this hospital.

“When the Baird Government commits to a hospital redevelopment – we deliver. Nowhere is that message clearer than at Blacktown and Mt Drutt where our commitment to delivering enhanced health services will have countless benefits for patients and their loved ones.”

The Baird Government has a proven record of delivering health infrastructure from one end of the state to the other. The \$400 million announcement made today joins a suite of other hospital upgrades, including:

- Armidale Hospital - \$60 million;
- Bowral Hospital - \$50 million;
- Broken Hill Hospital - \$30 million;
- Byron Central Hospital - \$89 million;
- Cooma Hospital - \$10 million;
- Coffs Harbour Hospital - \$156 million;
- Dubbo Hospital - \$150 million;
- Gosford Hospital - \$368 million;
- Goulburn Hospital - \$120 million;
- Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai Hospital - \$200 million;
- Inverell Hospital - \$30 million;
- Lismore Hospital - \$180 million;
- Macksville Hospital - \$50 million;
- Manning Hospital - \$20 million;
- Mudgee Hospital - \$60 million;
- New Northern Beaches Hospital - \$600 million;
- Port Macquarie Hospital - \$15 million;
- Prince of Wales Hospital - \$500 million;
- Ryde Hospital - \$9 million;
- St George Hospital - \$307 million;
- Sutherland Hospital - \$62 million;
- The Tweed Hospital - \$48 million;
- Wagga Wagga Base Hospital - \$170 million;
- Westmead Hospital - \$900 million; and
- Wyong Hospital - \$200 million.

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 \$400 million investment made at Blacktown Mt Druitt Hospital today.

The \$322 million Stage 1 redevelopment of Blacktown Mt Druitt Hospital will be complete next year and includes a seven-storey clinical services building, comprehensive care centres for cancer, cardiac, respiratory medicine and aged care, as well as a new in-centre renal dialysis unit.

The new time lapse video of progress on the Stage 1 redevelopment can be viewed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXzETy1dMSY>

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