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GOOD NEWS FOR GRIFFITH: MINISTER ANNOUNCES NEW \$4 MILLION AMBULANCE STATION

A re-elected Baird Government will invest \$4 million in a new ambulance station for Griffith, Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Murrumbidgee MP Adrian Piccoli announced today.

Mrs Skinner said work on the new ambulance station will begin in the next term of the Baird-Grant Government if re-elected on March 28.

“The NSW Government is committed to supporting paramedics and providing them with the first-class resources they need to deliver their first-class care,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Griffith ambulance station has been serving its community since 1955 and it’s time for some TLC to give local paramedics a workplace they can be proud of.

“This \$4 million commitment forms part of a rural and regional ambulance infrastructure strategy which is seeing the upgrade of stations right across the state.

“Planning is underway to determine the scope of the Griffith ambulance station development.

“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.”

Mr Piccoli said the Baird Government is getting on with the job of delivering enhanced health services for Griffith and beyond.

“Our local paramedics are heroes and there’s not a member of our community who doesn’t recognise the life-saving and life-changing work they undertake each and every day,” Mr Piccoli said.

“This investment demonstrates the Baird Government is committed to supporting our local paramedics - they do a fantastic job in challenging circumstances.

“The new station will be a considerable improvement on the current facility and I look forward to updating the community on this project as it progresses.”

In the last year alone, the NSW Government has increased the NSW Ambulance budget by \$30 million to a record \$753 million. Paramedic numbers have increased by 205 staff to 3,435 paramedics since the March 2011 election (full-time equivalent as at June 2014).