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\$500 MILLION FOR PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL: FIRST MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT IN 20 YEARS

NSW Premier Mike Baird and Health Minister Jillian Skinner today announced a re-elected Baird Government will invest half a billion dollars to undertake the first major redevelopment of Prince of Wales Hospital in 20 years.

Work on the major project will commence on-site in the next term of the Baird Government, if re-elected on March 28.

Premier Baird and Mrs Skinner were accompanied by Member for Coogee Bruce Notley-Smith, Member for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton and Liberal candidate for Maroubra Brendan Roberts as they made the announcement at Prince of Wales Hospital today.

“A re-elected Baird Government will continue to invest in our health care system to ensure it can maintain its world-class patient care,” Mr Baird said.

“First-rate health care requires first-rate infrastructure and the Baird Government’s \$500 million commitment today marks an unprecedented investment in this great hospital.

“Labor ignored this great hospital for 16 years. In fact, the last major upgrade happened under a Liberals & Nationals Government and today’s announcement proves that only a re-elected Baird Government can be trusted to deliver better facilities for patients and staff.”

Mrs Skinner said the \$500 million investment in Prince of Wales Hospital will fund a new emergency department, extra beds, new operating theatres, expanded rehabilitation and ambulatory care facilities and a dedicated mental health precinct on-site.

“Prince of Wales Hospital is one of Sydney’s busiest with a reputation for outstanding patient care and clinical excellence. Unfortunately, the infrastructure is ageing and the physical layout is limiting the potential for growth and innovation,” Mrs Skinner said.

“I am proud of the investment the Baird Government is already making in the hospital campus over the last four years, including \$114 million for a comprehensive cancer centre that incorporates a research facility and blood disorder centre, as well as \$13.4 million for a major mental health intensive care unit.

“Prince of Wales Hospital’s dedicated staff deserve this half a billion dollar boost to ensure they can continue to deliver their dedicated and compassionate patient care well into the future.”

Mr Notley-Smith welcomed today’s funding announcement, saying: “This great hospital has been delivering outstanding care for our community for decades but there is no denying it is tired and needs love.

“We know staff and patients need and want a redevelopment of the Prince of Wales Hospital itself - and that’s what will commence in the next term, if the Baird Government is re-elected on March 28.”

Ms Upton said: “Prince of Wales Hospital has a proud tradition of caring for our community and this investment will ensure staff can continue to deliver their life-saving and life-changing care in a first-class facility.”

The Baird Government has a proven record of delivering health infrastructure from one end of the state to the other. The \$500 million announcement made at Prince of Wales Hospital 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 - more than \$1 billion;
- Port Macquarie Hospital - \$15 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 \$500 million investment in Prince of Wales Hospital announced today.

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