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BAIRD GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES \$9 MILLION TO CONTINUE RYDE HOSPITAL UPGRADE

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Ryde Victor Dominello today announced \$9 million to further upgrade Ryde Hospital.

The project will commence if the Baird Government is re-elected on March 28.

The Ryde Hospital upgrade is one of 60 projects which would be funded by the Baird Government in a \$5 billion, second-term health infrastructure budget.

“In its first term, the Baird Government spent \$5 million to improve Ryde Hospital - from remodelling the operating theatre complex, to improving car parking and upgrading Ward 8, which is home to an Assessment Planning Unit, which ensures more rapid assessment, early diagnosis and treatment plan development.

“These enhancements were in addition to the purpose-built \$41 million Graythwaite Rehabilitation Centre at Ryde Hospital, which Victor and I were proud to open.

“Today, we come together again to deliver more good news. A second-term Baird Government will spend \$9 million to upgrade the hospital’s coronary care and high dependency unit, as well as Ward 2, which is a medical inpatient ward.

“I can also announce an environmental survey of the current infrastructure of Ryde Hospital and master planning for its future clinical needs will begin later this year.”

Mr Dominello said the people of Ryde are justifiably proud of their hospital.

“Ryde Hospital is synonymous with quality care and clinical excellence - but the best staff need top-notch facilities to match,” Mr Dominello said.

“This \$9 million commitment by the Baird Government will allow Ryde Hospital to enhance key patient areas.

“I am proud to be a member of a Government which delivers on its promises to communities such as Ryde and continues to put patients first.”

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