



Troy Grant MP Deputy Premier of NSW

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\$50 MILLION MACKSVILLE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

NSW Deputy Premier Troy Grant, Minister for Health Jillian Skinner and Nationals candidate for Oxley Melinda Pavey today committed a re-elected NSW Liberals & Nationals Government to a \$50 million major redevelopment of Macksville Hospital.

Mr Grant said over the past four years the NSW Liberals & Nationals had done much to turn around Labor's neglect of regional hospitals and today's announcement at Macksville was long overdue.

"Labor failed to deliver significant health upgrades for the Mid North Coast for 16 years," Mr Grant said.

"Since coming to Government we have prioritised Port Macquarie, Kempsey and now Macksville Hospital for much needed upgrades. The redevelopment will enhance patient care at Macksville Hospital while also improving ambulatory care and outpatient treatments."

Mrs Skinner said the Macksville community has some unique health challenges, including chronic illness and complex health needs due to its significant aged and Aboriginal population, which is why the upgrade is so vital.

"The current hospital must be redeveloped to ensure it can deliver contemporary health care for best patient outcomes," Mrs Skinner said.

Ms Pavey, the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural and Regional Health, said there was not a person in the community who did not recognise the need for Macksville Hospital to be redeveloped to meet future health needs.

"The upgrade of Macksville Hospital will attract quality health staff to live and work in our region and ensure our hard-working doctors, nurses and others have a workplace they can be proud of," Ms Pavey said.

"I'm pleased the government is committed to the major upgrade of Macksville Hospital. This is a project which will bring our hospital and health care into the 21st century.

"At Kempsey, we are also delivering an unprecedented \$80.9 million upgrade of the hospital to ensure it can meet the health needs of Mid North Coast communities now and in the future.

"I pay tribute to Jillian Skinner and retiring local member Andrew Stoner who together have ensured Port Macquarie, Kempsey and Macksville Hospitals all received significant upgrades."

Mr Stoner said he was proud he was part of a Government that had delivered so much for the Mid North Coast and Oxley electorate.

“I’m incredibly proud the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has committed funding to make Macksville’s hospital redevelopment a reality,” Mr Stoner said.

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