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BAIRD GOVERNMENT BACKS \$6.6 MILLION BATHURST AMBULANCE STATION UPGRADE

More than \$6 million will be invested to upgrade the 86-year old Bathurst ambulance station under a re-elected Baird Government, Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Bathurst MP Paul Toole announced today.

Mrs Skinner said work on the new \$6.6 million ambulance station will begin in the next term of the Baird Government, if re-elected on March 28.

“In our first term of government, the NSW Liberals & Nationals have a clear record of delivering enhanced ambulance services across the state,” Mrs Skinner said.

“We are committed to delivering a comprehensive capital works program to ensure our rural ambulance stations are brought into the 21st century.

“Bathurst ambulance station has served its community well for 86 years but it is time for an upgrade and I’m pleased the Baird Government is committed to delivering it.

“I want to ensure our dedicated paramedics have the very best resources at their fingertips to deliver their quality care to patients.”

Planning is underway to determine the scope of Bathurst ambulance station upgrade.

“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 Toole said Bathurst paramedics deserve the very best and the Baird Government will deliver the necessary support they need if re-elected.

“I have the utmost respect and admiration for our local paramedics. They undertake extraordinary work in what can be extraordinary circumstances,” Mr Toole said.

“Our paramedics deserve a first-class base from which to deliver their first-class care.

“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).