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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **\$60 MILLION FOR MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT OF MUDGEE HOSPITAL**

Deputy Premier Troy Grant and Orange MP Andrew Gee today announced a re-elected Baird-Grant Government will invest \$60 million in the major upgrade of Mudgee Hospital.

Mr Grant said the \$60 million commitment will fund an expansion and reconfiguration of inpatient and ambulatory care services at Mudgee Hospital.

“The investment a re-elected Baird-Grant Government will make in Mudgee Hospital is unprecedented,” Mr Grant said.

“Mudgee Hospital is a wonderful facility which delivers compassionate care for its community but it is in need of TLC and I’m pleased we are committing to deliver it if re-elected on 28 March.

“This announcement demonstrates the Baird-Grant Government is prioritising the health needs of the Mudgee community and putting patients first.”

Mr Gee said the funding will ensure Mudgee Hospital remains a quality health service for the local community.

“This is fantastic news, which I’m sure will be welcomed across the region. Local patients will have the opportunity to access enhanced health services closer to home,” Mr Gee said.

“This funding will ensure Mudgee Hospital can provide comprehensive care for the local community for generations to come.”

Mr Grant said the Baird-Grant Government has a clear record in delivering enhanced health services and major hospital redevelopments in rural and regional NSW.

“In our first term we have delivered health upgrades from Bega to Lismore, Parkes to Port Macquarie, Tamworth to Byron Bay and Wollongong to Wagga Wagga - hospital redevelopments are underway right across rural and regional NSW.”

Health Minister Jillian Skinner said work on the Mudgee Hospital upgrade would begin in the next term of the Baird-Grant Government.

“I know just how much this funding will mean not only for patients, but staff too. Mudgee Hospital clinicians are dedicated and deserve to deliver their first-class care in a first-class facility,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Hospital redevelopments are underway right across rural and regional NSW and they are acting as a magnet to attract quality health staff to the country.

“I have no doubt enhancements at the hospital will be welcomed – the facility provides vital services for the Western NSW Local Health District and I’m pleased they will be enhanced for local residents.”

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