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BAIRD GOVERNMENT COMMITS \$7 MILLION TO SINGLETON HOSPITAL UPGRADE

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Nationals candidate for Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen today announced a re-elected Baird Government will invest \$7 million from the Hunter Infrastructure & Investment Fund to upgrade Singleton Hospital.

The \$7 million upgrade will expand Singleton Hospital to include an enhancement to imaging, renal dialysis, ambulatory care and primary health care facilities.

Mrs Skinner said planning and construction will commence on the \$7 million project if the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is re-elected on March 28.

“The Baird Government is committed to ensuring rural patients have improved access to health care closer to home,” Mrs Skinner said.

“This upgrade to Singleton Hospital will enhance the health care provided locally to ensure it can meet the needs of local patients well into the future.

“The investment will enable the expansion and refurbishment of the existing x-ray department, the addition of new imaging facilities, the expansion of renal dialysis services and the relocation of community health into the hospital.”

Mr Johnsen welcomed the funding commitment saying only the NSW Liberals & Nationals could be trusted to deliver country hospital upgrades.

“Countless community members will benefit from the enhancement of these services, particularly those patients undertaking dialysis who have to spend many hours at the hospital,” Mr Johnsen said.

“The dedicated staff at Singleton Hospital deserve this upgrade – I have the utmost respect for them and the quality care they provide to our community.

“This \$7 million commitment demonstrates the NSW Liberals & Nationals are committed to enhancing country health care.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has a clear record of delivering rural hospital upgrades. When we promise a project, we deliver it and it will be no different for this commitment to Singleton.”

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