



**Senator the Hon Fiona Nash**  
Minister for Rural Health



**The Hon Jillian Skinner MP**  
NSW Minister for Health

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **\$187 MILLION SOUTH EAST REGIONAL HOSPITAL OFFICIALLY OPENED**

Minister for Rural Health Fiona Nash and NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner today visited the South East Regional Hospital at Bega to officially open the newly-constructed facility.

They were joined by Federal Member for Eden-Monaro Dr Peter Hendy and Member for Bega Andrew Constance on a tour of the \$187 million state-of-the-art hospital, which has been built on a brand new site one kilometre south of the Bega CBD.

Senator Nash welcomed the completion of the facility, which is equipped with first-class services to deliver modern healthcare to the Bega Valley and NSW South Coast communities.

“This purpose-built facility has enhanced the range, quality and level of clinical services available locally. The hospital will build links and work in collaboration with the district’s health services to provide care across the region,” Senator Nash said.

Mrs Skinner said the project team and Bega’s dedicated health professionals have delivered a spacious, modern hospital, complete with a helipad and car parking for about 500 cars.

“The community is receiving care in one of the most modern hospitals in NSW, with an expanded emergency department, additional operating theatres and more clinical services - the recurrent costs of which will be covered by the NSW Government,” Mrs Skinner said.

The new hospital also includes an emergency medicine unit, additional integrated critical care beds (incorporating intensive care, high dependency and coronary care) and an inpatient mental health service with up to 20 beds. New and expanded services include acute medical, surgical, maternity and paediatrics, as well as improved community drug and alcohol services.

Dr Hendy said: “Andrew Constance and I are thrilled to have ensured this hospital has been built on budget and ahead of schedule. We’ll build on this legacy when the Carer’s Accommodation is built adjacent to the new hospital to provide better health services across our region.”

Mr Constance said: “I am in awe of the facility and couldn’t be happier with the end result. Patients from the Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Monaro and as far reaching as Mallacoota now have a hospital to meet their needs well into the future. I am thankful for the late Dr Gareth Long’s vision and passion, which were integral to the completion of this project. His memory and commitment to ensuring his community had the best hospital will never be forgotten.”

The South East Regional Hospital redevelopment was jointly funded by the Commonwealth’s \$160.1 million under the Health and Hospitals Fund and \$26.9 million from the NSW Government.

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