



# **The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP**

## **Premier of NSW**

### **Minister for Western Sydney**

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### **NSW GOVT UNVEILS PLANS FOR CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL UPGRADE – WORK SET TO BEGIN IN MAY**

NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell and Minister for Health Jillian Skinner today unveiled detailed plans for the \$139 million upgrade of Campbelltown Hospital, with work set to begin in May.

The Premier and the Health Minister today viewed the plans for the expansion, during a site visit today, and were joined by local MPs Bryan Doyle (Member for Campbelltown), Chris Patterson (Member for Camden) and Jai Rowell (Member for Wollondilly).

The expansion will deliver 90 new beds and includes construction of a new acute building, an expanded emergency department, expanded maternity services and an additional 135 car parks.

“The NSW Government is determined to build the strong foundations Western Sydney communities need for their continued growth and prosperity,” Mr O'Farrell said.

“Upgrading Campbelltown Hospital is a key priority for the NSW Government and the community in South Western Sydney, and we're getting on with the job of delivering for local families.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is honouring its election commitment to deliver this upgrade and following the announcement last week of a \$300 million upgrade to Blacktown-Mt Druitt Hospital.

“It is predicted that within the next four years, there will be almost one million people living in the region. That's why this investment in Campbelltown Hospital is so important.

“The early works will expand and enhance the essential services infrastructure such as water and electricity supply to ensure the hospital can continue to provide care as the expansion progresses over the next few years,” he said.

The expansion project, fully funded by the NSW Government, involves the development of a new multi-storey building with new inpatient wards, ambulatory, outpatient and allied health services, pathology and clinical information, designed to meet the needs of a growing population.

Mrs Skinner said early works were expected to start in May and finish by September, with major construction starting later this year.

“Today is an important milestone in the expansion of Campbelltown Hospital, and demonstrates the NSW Government’s commitment to improving health care for Western Sydney,” she said.

“Labor failed to deliver this upgrade, but in less than a year the NSW Government has done its homework and is now ready to begin the necessary preparation work.”

When the redevelopment is complete in 2016, Campbelltown Hospital will have:

- a new acute building;
- 90 new inpatient beds, bringing the total to 349 beds;
- an expanded Emergency Department including 11 new treatment spaces;
- expanded maternity services including a new four-room birth centre;
- an interventional suite including cardiac catheterisation laboratory;
- expanded ambulatory care, outpatients, antenatal and treatment spaces;
- an additional 135 car parks, bringing the total to 1,220;
- Loading and services dock expansion.

“It will help to improve health outcomes, improve the quality of health care offered, enable efficiencies of services in the hospital and reduce travel time for patients and their carers,” Mrs Skinner said.