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PROGRESS ON NEPEAN CAR PARK

Important progress has been made on a new multi-storey car park development at Nepean Hospital with the development application now lodged with the local council, the Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, said today.

Mrs Skinner said the multi-storey car park, which will provide close to 650 car parking spaces is a significant step forward for hospital staff and the community.

"The new car park will complement the important building works taking place as part of the \$138m Nepean Hospital redevelopment to improve health services in the region," Mrs Skinner said.

"Hospital staff and the community will benefit from the multi-storey car park as it will ease parking congestion on the hospital campus and in the surrounding area."

Local members Stuart Ayres (Penrith), Tanya Davies (Mulgoa), Bart Bassett (Londonderry) and Roza Sage (Blue Mountains) said the announcement was evidence of the government delivering on its election commitments.

Stuart Ayres said, "After being ignored for so many years by the previous government, we are finally seeing some action to get a multi-level carpark underway."

"Nurses, patients and staff of Nepean Hospital are all very excited by the progress being made on this project and I look forward to seeing construction work begin at the earliest possible opportunity," he said.

Tanya Davies said, "This is an exciting development, as the community waited too long under Labor for these important improvements for residents and staff."

Bart Bassett said, "This is a Government that is delivering on its commitments. It is something that the community has been fighting for, for many years."

Roza Sage said, "Car parking is a major issue for patients and families from the Blue Mountains who rely heavily on private vehicle transport to attend medical appointments and visit relatives at Nepean Hospital. Additional car parking will be very welcome."

The assessment process will include a period of public exhibition. Construction will commence in mid-2012 and will be completed in mid-2013.