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\$80M FOR KEMPSEY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

The Deputy Premier and Member for Oxley, Andrew Stoner, and the Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, have announced that the NSW proposal for the redevelopment of Kempsey Hospital has been successful in receiving Federal Government funding to match the \$40 million committed by the NSW Government.

Mr Stoner said the \$80m redevelopment was a priority for the NSW Government and he was delighted to be able to secure the co-contribution from the Federal Government.

“We made a commitment to the people of regional NSW, and today the NSW Government announces yet another redevelopment to fix the ailing hospital infrastructure we inherited from the previous Labor government,” Mr Stoner said.

“I congratulate the local doctors and nurses who have long advocated for this redevelopment, and the Mid North Coast Local Health District, along with the Ministry of Health, for their work in preparing the Health and Hospital Fund Application,” he said.

Mrs Skinner said that this was another example of the NSW Government’s firm commitment to rural and regional health.

“Last week we announced money for Lismore and Yamba, and today we can announce \$40 million dollars for Kempsey Hospital from the NSW Government,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Today is a great day for patients on the Mid North Coast,” she said.

The Ministry of Health will continue to work with the Local Health District and the Commonwealth to finalise planning for the redevelopment. Current planning includes:

- An updated and expanded emergency department which incorporates components of the current clinical redesign model - such as a paediatric area, resuscitations bays, and an isolation room;
- Emergency Medical Unit which will allow early assessment and treatment;
- An integrated Community Care Centre;
- Expanded renal dialysis with the existing service space extended and refurbished; and
- A redeveloped operating theatre and perioperative area.

Negotiations with the Commonwealth will commence immediately to finalise the scope and timeframes for implementation of the project.