



# **Jillian Skinner MP**

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#### **NEW ANOPHYSIOLOGY LABORATORY OPENS AT BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL**

Residents of south western Sydney will now have greater access to colorectal care following the opening of a new anophysiology laboratory at Bankstown Hospital, Health Minister Jillian Skinner announced today.

Mrs Skinner officially opened the facility, the first of its kind in south western Sydney, today with East Hills MP Glenn Brookes.

“It’s wonderful to be able to join Glenn today to see firsthand the innovative care provided by clinicians specialising in treatment for colon and bowel cancer here at Bankstown,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Bankstown Hospital is well-regarded for the volume and quality of colorectal procedures undertaken here as well as the talent of its surgical teams.

“This lab will assess and treat patients with conditions including cancer, inflammatory bowel disease and disorders of the bowel as well as reviewing women who have continence issues following childbirth” Mrs Skinner said.

Mrs Skinner and Mr Brookes also met with graduates of the hospital’s Aboriginal Traineeship Program who are now working in administrative, environmental and patient service roles.

“I’d like to congratulate the recent graduates who completed one year of training in their chosen professions,” Mrs Skinner said.

“This program provides employment opportunities and career paths to improve long-term employment outcomes of Aboriginal people.

“It also recognises the diverse knowledge, skills and experience these individuals bring to our hospital settings.”

Mr Brookes commended the South Western Sydney Local Health District for their commitment to expanding its Aboriginal workforce.

“Following a partnership with South Western Sydney Local Health District’s Centre for Education and Workforce Development and Yarn’n Aboriginal Employment Services results have been very positive with a staff retention rate of 97 per cent - which is outstanding.” Mr Brookes said.

“It’s great to have the Minister here today to celebrate local milestones and the hard-work of Bankstown Hospital’s doctors, nurses and wider hospital staff.”