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LEAD DESIGN TEAM APPOINTED FOR BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for East Hills Glenn Brookes today welcomed the appointment of the lead design team to plan the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital redevelopment.

Health Infrastructure announced the design team comprises: Capital Insight (project manager), DesignInc Sydney (architect) and Donald Cant Watts Corke (cost manager).

The NSW Government invested \$800,000 late last year to commence planning the redevelopment, which will prioritise:

- · operating theatres and acute service zones
- ambulatory care
- cancer services
- mental health accommodation

"The appointment of the design team is another important milestone on the journey to modernising Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital to meet the growing demand for frontline services well into the future," Mrs Skinner said.

Mr Brookes said he is passionate about Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, where both he and his children were born.

"I share the community's excitement that the NSW Government has committed itself to redeveloping our hospital, which serves a fast-growing and diverse community.

"This long-awaited redevelopment will ensure more patients will receive high-quality care, closer to home, and staff will have a modern workplace in which to undertaken their vital work," Mr Brookes said.

The South Western Sydney Local Health District Board will determine details of the redevelopment based on future clinical needs of Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital following consultation with clinicians, staff and the community. It is anticipated this stage of planning will be finalised at the end of this year.