



# **Jillian Skinner MP**

## **Minister for Health**

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#### **DESIGN TEAM APPOINTED TO PLAN GOSFORD HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today welcomed the appointment of the lead design team to commence planning the Gosford Hospital redevelopment.

Health Infrastructure announced the team comprises: Jacobs (architect), Aurora (project manager) and MBM Surveyors (cost manager).

The appointment follows December's announcement by the NSW Government of \$1 million to progress planning for the redevelopment.

"We are committed to ensuring Gosford Hospital can fully meet the health needs of the growing Central Coast community, providing patients with quality care closer to home," Mrs Skinner said.

The redevelopment of Gosford Hospital will prioritise a new emergency department, ICU/HDU expansion, enhanced operating theatre capacity, maternity services and significant additional inpatient beds for medical, acute and sub-acute services. It will also include clinical and non-clinical support, services and car parking.

"The NSW Liberal & Nationals Government is getting on with the job of upgrading the infrastructure of our hospitals - work that was neglected for 16 years under the previous Labor Government," Mrs Skinner said.

Member for Gosford Chris Holstein said the community and hard-working staff at Gosford Hospital would join him in welcoming the milestone announcement.

"I am proud to be part of a Government that is planning for the future needs of the rapidly growing Central Coast community. This hospital redevelopment will deliver state-of-the-art services, benefitting patients and staff alike" Mr Holstein said.

The Central Coast Local Health District Board will determine details of the development based on future clinical needs of Gosford Hospital. There will be wide consultation during the planning process.

It is anticipated the first stage of planning will be finalised by late 2014.

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