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### **DUBBO HOSPITAL'S MAJOR TRANSFORMATION ENTERS FINAL PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION**

World-class health care for the people of Western NSW has reached another milestone with a sod turn for the final phase of construction of Dubbo Hospital's redevelopment.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Member for Dubbo Troy Grant were on hand today to turn the first sod on the final stages of the \$150 million redevelopment.

The start of works for the new three-storey clinical services building was followed by the unveiling of designs for the \$35 million Western Cancer Centre, which will provide comprehensive cancer diagnostic and treatment services at the hospital.

"The NSW Government has invested nearly \$250 million in the major expansion and upgrade of Dubbo Hospital to give the people of Western NSW access to world-class health care closer to home," Ms Berejiklian said.

"Dubbo Hospital is one of the major regional referral health services in NSW, and this major expansion and upgrade of services will ensure it can provide the very best care to local communities for decades to come."

Dubbo Hospital's transformation has included the opening of a new clinical services building as part of Stages 1 and 2 in late 2015, and more recently, a new 34-bed surgical unit, which opened in March this year.

As part of the final stages, the redevelopment of Dubbo Hospital will include:

- A new emergency department and short stay unit
- A new medical imaging unit
- A new critical care floor comprising of:
  - Coronary care/stroke unit
  - Intensive care unit
  - Cardiac catheter laboratory
- A new ambulatory care unit; and
- A new main entry, drop off zone and car parking; and
- A new and expanded renal unit will also be delivered as part of Stages 3 and 4

Mr Grant said the new facilities at Dubbo Hospital would help attract and retain highly-skilled health professionals in Dubbo.

“It will provide more training and education opportunities for our valued health staff and bring new talented staff in here for the Dubbo,” Mr Grant said.

Construction of the Western Cancer Centre Dubbo will occur in parallel with Stage 4 and will include 16 chemotherapy spaces, a bunker for radiation treatment and a PET CT scanner for cancer diagnostics.

The Federal Government committed \$25 million towards the Western Cancer Centre.

Member for Parkes Mark Coulton said the new Cancer Centre would significantly improve health outcomes and quality of life for cancer patients living in rural and remote areas of Western NSW.

“Previously these patients were often required to travel large distances to Orange or Sydney for their treatment,” he said.

Construction of Stage 4 is scheduled for completion in 2021.

The NSW Government is investing more than \$2.3 billion in capital works funding in the 2018 Budget to continue building and redeveloping hospitals, health facilities and ambulance stations, as part of a record \$8 billion investment over the next four years.

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