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GROUNDBREAKING MOMENT FOR NEW HOSPITAL CARPARK PROJECT

The first dirt has been turned on a project that will alleviate parking stress at Dubbo Hospital.

Member for the Dubbo electorate Dugald Saunders participated in a sod-turning ceremony at the hospital today, just weeks after Hansen Yuncken was announced as the company that will complete the \$30 million project.

More than 350 parks will be added to the hospital precinct, with the project one of Mr Saunders' major commitments prior to the 2019 NSW state election.

"I'm so proud to see this project get moving because it was something identified as a major issue during the election campaign and something I pledged to get done," Mr Saunders said.

"This project will increase parking capacity on the hospital campus to support not only the expansion and upgrade of the hospital itself, but also the Western Cancer Centre that is close to being completed.

"Since we announced Hansen Yuncken as the successful tenderer, they have had workers establishing the site and they are now at work on the ground level carpark for patients and visitors near the main entrance to the hospital."

Once work is completed on that site, attention will turn to the western side of the campus where a new multi-storey facility will accommodate further parking for staff, patients and visitors.

The project will also include infrastructure upgrades such as roadways, footpaths, hospital access, lighting and security.

Construction is expected to take 12 months to complete and, once finished, will take the number of carparks in the precinct to almost 1000.

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