



# **Jillian Skinner MP**

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#### **FOUR IN THE RUNNING TO BUILD AND OPERATE NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL**

Sydney's northern beaches is a step closer to having a world-class hospital after Expressions of Interest closed to design, construct, operate and maintain the Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) at Frenchs Forest, Health Minister Jillian Skinner said today.

Mrs Skinner said EOIs have been received from four respondents, including consortia with national and international health operator experience who are leaders in health care. The four respondents are:

- Adventist HealthCare Ltd (Sydney Adventist Hospital)
- Healthscope
- Macquarie University Hospital Operations
- Ramsay Health Care

The 423-bed NBH will provide both public and private services. The successful tenderer will enter into a long-term contract with the NSW Government to deliver public services. The hospital will remain part of the clinical network of the Northern Sydney Local Health District.

"I am delighted that four operators who are leaders in health care have expressed an interest in this innovative model, which is a first for NSW," Mrs Skinner said.

"Partnering with a private or not-for-profit hospital operator will allow the hospital to be built faster, delivering better value for the taxpayers of NSW while giving the people of the northern beaches a level of choice they do not currently have," she said.

Representatives from Northern Sydney Local Health District, the Ministry of Health, NSW Treasury and Health Infrastructure will evaluate the four EOIs. They will prepare a shortlist of hospital operators, who will be invited to submit a proposal via the Request for Proposal process later this year.

"The shortlist will comprise hospital operators who have the experience needed to deliver us a world-class facility, which will utilise leading digital technologies to deliver the highest quality care," Mrs Skinner said.

The successful tenderer will be identified in 2014, with main building construction scheduled to start in 2015. Completion is due in 2018.

The NBH will be built in on a 6.5 hectare site bounded by Frenchs Forest Road West (north), Warringah Road (south), Wakehurst Parkway (east) and the Forest High

School (west). It will provide surgical, medical, paediatric, obstetric and inpatient mental health services, as well as a large, modern emergency department.

The NBH will see acute services relocated from Mona Vale Hospital and the ageing Manly Hospital. Mona Vale Hospital will be redeveloped to provide complementary health services, including urgent care, sub-acute care and palliative care. Manly Hospital will close when the NBH opens.

An inter-agency reference group involving local government, NSW Health, Roads and Maritime Services, Transport for NSW, Department of Planning and Infrastructure and Infrastructure NSW has been established to resolve traffic and transport issues surrounding the site.

For further information on the Northern Beaches Hospital go to [www.NBHSredev.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.NBHSredev.health.nsw.gov.au)

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