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PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMENT ON NORTHERN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Planning for the new Northern Community Health Centre has taken an important step forward, with Northern Beaches Health Service/Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai General Manager Frank Bazik inviting the public to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement for the modern, purpose-built facility.

“As part of the major investment in health facilities at Mona Vale Hospital, the NSW Government has allocated more than \$30 million for the construction of a new Northern Community Health Centre,” Mr Bazik said.

This Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared in support of an application for State Significant Development for the Northern Community Health Centre to replace the existing Mona Vale Community Health Centre. The Planning Application seeks approval for the construction of a three-storey Community Health Centre with car parking for 45 vehicles.

The Northern Community Health Centre will provide a range of consolidated services already on site and new services including:

- Rehabilitation and Aged Care Community Services
- Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy
- Chronic Disease Clinical Rehabilitation Services
- Rapid Access Services
- Community Nursing
- Acute Post-Acute Care (APAC)
- Paediatric Occupational Therapy
- Paediatric Speech Pathology
- Child and Family Health Services
- Adult Mental Health Services
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Community Drug and Alcohol Services, and
- Adult and Paediatric Oral Health Services.

“These services will complement the new 26-bed Sub-Acute Rehabilitation facility, expanded Palliative Care and other health services to be provided at Mona Vale Hospital, and will help improve the continuum of care for young and old on the Northern Beaches,” Mr Bazik said.

The planning assessment process for this State Significant Development project gives the community the opportunity to provide feedback via formal submissions to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

“This public exhibition of planning for the construction of a brand new Community Health Centre confirms the NSW Government’s commitment to revitalising Mona Vale Hospital and continuing its long and proud legacy of health service delivery to our community,” Mr Bazik said.

“Local families who have been served by Mona Vale Hospital for decades will have access to a range of high quality and comprehensive community health services.”

The EIS will be on display for public comment until 4 April 2014. It can be viewed at the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's website:
http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6160.

The Northern Community Health Centre is expected to be completed in 2015.

For further information about the Northern Community Health Centre please visit www.nbhsredev.health.nsw.gov.au or call the project team on **9978 5410**.

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