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WANTED: RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON ROADS AROUND NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL

Planning and Infrastructure Minister and Wakehurst MP Brad Hazzard, Health Minister and North Shore MP Jillian Skinner and Treasurer and Manly MP Mike Baird today called for residents to have a say on proposed road upgrades for the world-class Northern Beaches Hospital.

Mr Hazzard, Mrs Skinner and Mr Baird said they were looking forward to the local community getting the benefit of the of the new Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) at Frenchs Forest, which will use leading digital technologies to deliver the highest quality care.

“Local residents now have the chance to have their say on local roads. Residents know the roads – they know the issues. This next step is about making sure local knowledge informs these needed road upgrades,” Mr Hazzard said.

“Residents can share with Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) their views through upcoming community consultation on road upgrades. It is an important milestone in delivering the project.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals are committed to ensuring we have the right road capacity around the hospital from the start.

“Early consultation on the Hospital confirmed the community interest in getting the roads right.

“We will have government agencies engage with residents via community updates, advertisements, letters, community information sessions and website updates.”

Road widening, intersection upgrades, new pedestrian bridges and bus priority lanes are all options being considered to reduce congestion.

Work to reduce the impact of flooding on Wakehurst Parkway is also being considered as part of the work.

“Consultation with Warringah Council has also started and a community update will be issued by RMS detailing further feedback opportunities on both stages of the upgrade work,” Mr Hazzard said.

NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner said the people of the northern beaches would have a modern, world-class hospital on their doorstep.

“The hospital will provide surgical, medical, paediatric, obstetric and inpatient mental health services, a large, modern emergency department and state-of-the-art digital technologies.

“The Northern Beaches Hospital will be more than a hospital - it will be a centre of clinical excellence in health, teaching and research,” Mrs Skinner said.

Treasurer Mike Baird said NSW Health had lodged its revised plans with NSW Planning and Infrastructure responding to issues raised including traffic and biodiversity.

“With more than \$60 billion dollars in infrastructure funding allocated across NSW over four years, the Northern Beaches Hospital is a great example of the type of project this government is delivering for communities across the state,” Mr Baird said.

Member for Davidson Jonathan O’Dea welcomed the announcement.

“I am pleased that northern beaches residents are being consulted on the road upgrades that are integral to the building of the new hospital,” Mr O’Dea said.

“This is an important milestone for the people of the northern beaches who have long deserved a new state-of-the-art hospital.”

The Northern Beaches Hospital is scheduled to open in 2018.

The roads upgrade is a first concept design and is subject to changes following consultation between the community and Roads and Maritime Services.

Local residents are encouraged to visit

http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/sydney_region/northern_sydney_region/nbh/index.html or call 1300 367 459 or to sign up for regular updates to email nbhroadwork@rms.nsw.gov.au

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