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GET INVOLVED TO GET NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL ACCESS RIGHT

The NSW Government is providing an opportunity for the community to have its say on road upgrades around the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and local MPs Mike Baird (Manly), Brad Hazzard (Wakehurst), Jonathan O’Dea (Davidson) and Rob Stokes (Pittwater) are encouraging the public to attend information sessions on the proposed road upgrades.

The NSW Liberals and Nationals Government has committed \$400 million to building a road network to serve the world-class facility.

“This is a significant investment and we want the local community to get involved to make sure we get the road infrastructure right,” Mr Baird said.

The community was consulted earlier in the year on Stage One. The concept design which emerged from these meetings is now available for viewing.

Community consultation is now available for Stage Two. The key objective of Stage Two work is to reinforce road capability and increase the road capacity on the key arterial connections surrounding the hospital. This includes work on improving Warringah Road and Wakehurst Parkway and building a new underpass for east-west through traffic at the intersections of Warringah Road and Forest Way, Hilmer Street and Wakehurst Parkway.

Mr Hazzard said: “Work to reduce the impact of flooding on Wakehurst Parkway is a key consideration in planning for road upgrades.”

“The upgrades will greatly improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on these busy roads delivering an improved travel experience for local motorists.”

Information on the roads upgrades will be held at the following times:

Saturday 26 July (12pm - 4pm)	Forestville Memorial Hall
Monday 28 July (3pm - 6pm)	Mona Vale Memorial Hall
Wednesday 30 July (5pm - 8pm)	Frenchs Forest Galstaun Function Centre
Thursday 31 July (5:30pm - 7.30pm)	Belrose Supa Centa
Saturday 2 August (12pm - 4pm)	Forestville Memorial Hall
Thursday 7 August (5pm - 8pm)	Manly Life Saving Club
Saturday 16 August (10am - 2pm)	Manly Life Saving Club

Mr Stokes said: “For community members who can’t attend the consultation sessions, we encourage you to send in written feedback by 29 August.”

Written advice can be sent to Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades, Roads and Maritime Services, PO Box 973 Parramatta CBD NSW 2124 or email nbhroadwork@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Mr O’Dea said: “The new hospital will transform the local area and the new road upgrades will ensure the hospital has the right infrastructure to match.

“The NSW Government will continue working closely with residents, businesses and other stakeholders to ensure plans are progressed in a timely manner and reduce the impact of building works to the community.”

More information on the specific works of both Stage One and Stage Two can be found on the RMS website.

www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/sydney_region/northern_sydney_region/nbh/index.html

Mrs Skinner said the new Northern Beaches Hospital will be the world-class, centrally located hospital long desired by the people of the Northern Beaches.

“It will utilise leading digital technologies to deliver the highest quality surgical, medical, paediatric, obstetric and inpatient mental health services, as well as a large, modern emergency department,” she said.

“Public patients will continue to access services as they do now but, instead of travelling out of the Northern Beaches for higher order health care, the state-of-the-art, 423-bed Northern Beaches Hospital will allow them to receive this care close to home.

“Private patients will also benefit as they will no longer need to travel across Sydney for private care - it will be available, for the first time, right on their door step,” Mrs Skinner said.

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