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NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL CONTRACT SIGNED WITH HEALTHSCOPE

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today welcomed the signing of the contract to design, build, operate and maintain the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

The NSW Ministry of Health and Northern Sydney Local Health District signed the contract with one of Australia's leading healthcare providers, Healthscope, which was chosen after a rigorous evaluation process.

Under the long-term partnership, Healthscope will provide public patient services over the next 20 years. At the end of the contract period, the public portion of the hospital can be handed back to the NSW Government at no additional cost.

Healthscope then has a further 20 years to provide services to private patients before the remaining part of the hospital can also be returned.

"Today is another milestone in achieving world-class healthcare for the Northern Beaches," Mrs Skinner said.

"This partnership with Healthscope is the smart solution to building a much-needed hospital for the Northern Beaches.

"It will allow the hospital to be built faster and the significant savings made will be reinvested into frontline health services.

"It will also focus on delivering the highest quality care to public and private patients, who will share the state-of-the-art hospital."

The new Northern Beaches Hospital will be valued at more than \$1 billion, including the \$400 million the NSW Government will invest into significant road upgrades.

The nine-storey hospital - to be built on a 6.5 hectare site at Frenchs Forest - will contain 488 beds, 1,400 car spaces and a helipad.

The hospital's clinical services will include:

- a 50-space emergency department - an increase on the total 30 spaces that currently exist in Manly Hospital and Mona Vale Hospital;
- 14 operating theatres and six surgical suites;
- state-of-the-art intensive care and critical care units;
- a modern inpatient mental health facility.

There will be 1,300 staff employed at the new hospital - 400 more than the total currently employed at Manly Hospital and Mona Vale Hospital.

A contract summary will be made publically available in 2015.

Main construction of the Northern Beaches Hospital is due to commence next year, with the doors set to open in 2018.

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