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NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL ON TRACK

Health Minister Jillian Skinner, Premier and Member for Manly Mike Baird and Member for Wakehurst Brad Hazzard today took part in a smoking ceremony on the site of the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest.

The ceremony honours the traditional custodians of the land, certifying the cleansing of the 6.5 hectare site and preparing it to be a place of healing.

“I’m so pleased to return to the site of the Northern Beaches Hospital. It will be a world-class facility delivering outstanding care to both public and private patients, while attracting the best clinicians to work with its state-of-the-art facilities,” Mrs Skinner said.

The NSW Government is partnering with private healthcare operator Healthscope, which will design, build, operate and maintain the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

Under a long-term contract with NSW Health, Healthscope will provide public patient services, which will be free to the patient.

“It’s great to see the buzz of activity in and around this site as it is prepared for the construction phase,” Mr Baird said.

“The people of the Northern Beaches have been waiting for this hospital for decades and it is now becoming a reality.”

Mr Hazzard said: “There’s a growing sense of excitement in the community that we are delivering on our promise to build a modern, centrally-located hospital to serve the growing, ageing population of the Northern Beaches.”

The new, nine-storey hospital will include 488 beds, 1,400 car spaces, a helipad, a 50-space emergency department, 14 operating theatres and six surgical suites, advanced intensive care and critical care units and a modern inpatient mental health facility.

The capital value of the project is around \$1 billion, which includes \$400 million in road upgrades

Construction will commence following Stage 2 planning approval, which is expected to be granted in coming months.

The Northern Beaches Hospital is scheduled to open in 2018. For further information, go to www.northernbeacheshospital.com.au.

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