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GREEN LIGHT FOR CONSTRUCTION TO START ON NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Planning Minister Rob Stokes have joined Healthscope in announcing Stage 2 Planning Approval has been granted for construction of the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

Stage 1 preparatory works commenced on the 6.5 hectare Frenchs Forest site in mid-2014. Stage 2 approval paves the way for main construction to begin on the hospital, which will open in 2018.

“The Northern Beaches community has waited decades for this a world-class hospital and today we are one step closer to making this landmark facility a reality,” Mrs Skinner said.

Mr Stokes, the Member for Pittwater, said: “This is a major step forward in delivering our commitment to provide a world-class, centrally-located hospital for the Northern Beaches.”

The NSW Government has partnered with Healthscope, which will design, build, operate and maintain the 488-bed Northern Beaches Hospital. Under a long-term contract, the NSW Government will provide funding to Healthscope to deliver free care to public patients.

The nine-storey Northern Beaches 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.

Healthscope Project Director Deborah Latta said: “The people of the Northern Beaches will no longer have to travel out of the area for specialised health care. Whether a public or private patient, they will receive an exceptional standard of care much closer to home.”

Member for Wakehurst Brad Hazzard expressed his delight at the planning approval, saying: “This is one more giant step in our quest for a first-class hospital on the Northern Beaches - and residents will soon reap the benefits.”

Member for Davidson Jonathan O’Dea said: “The commencement of Stage 2 is another example of the NSW Baird Government delivering on its promises. This project will deliver state-of-the-art health services, many employment opportunities and one of the most significant road projects seen in our community.”

Roads and Maritime Services is planning major road upgrades surrounding the new hospital in two stages on key travel routes including Warringah Road, Forest Way and Wakehurst Parkway.

Stage one work, which will provide direct access to the new hospital, has been approved. Stage two work will increase road capacity on the supporting network, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow.

For conditions of approval for Northern Beaches Hospital, go to http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=5982.

For further information about the hospital, go to www.northernbeacheshospital.com.au.

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