The Minister for Health visited Westmead this week to unveil the Westmead precinct car parking plans.

“Every time we talk to patients, their families and staff, car parking nearly always comes up as the top issue” Minister Skinner said.

Car parking is an essential element in any upgrade to health services and the Westmead Redevelopment includes $72 million invested in improving transport, access and car parking at Westmead.

This includes more than 1,400 additional spaces, a new multi-deck car park, a new modern car park management system and improved lighting, footpaths as well as better security and CCTV.

This compliments the investment in the new acute services building and the work the project team is doing in working across Government to improve public transport, roads and wayfinding.

“New parking infrastructure is just one way of mitigating traffic and transport problems for the precinct,” senior project director Justin Woodcock said. “We are also looking at the way traffic moves through the precinct to ensure we have an efficient system.”

“The transport solution isn’t just car parking, it’s also about assessing rail, bus routes and walking and cycling networks as well as connections to Parramatta CBD and other major roads.”

Westmead Hospital General Manager Andrew Newton also highlighted that “we are quite unique at Westmead where we have available land so have been able to commit to no net reduction in car parking spaces while the redevelopment is underway.”

“We’ve been able to accommodate contractor parking in a number of different areas around the precinct away from staff and visitor car parking areas” Andrew says. “Most redevelopments don’t have that luxury, so while there will be quite a bit of disruption for staff, it won’t be as bad as that which many other hospitals have to go through.”

The first changes to car parking will be occurring in 2016 when the first new on grade car park at the former ADHC site opens.

The Oval car park will also be completed in 2016 along with the start of construction on the multi-deck in the Dental visitors car park.

The planning strategy has been all about creating a more accessible, liveable and workable precinct that reduces the need to park onsite and increases the use of public transport.
As part of the planning approval process, designs for the new multi-storey car park at Westmead are now on public exhibition.

The new car park will be six levels above ground with a link bridge to the dental hospital. Entrance for patients will be off Darcy Road and the traffic light system will be upgraded to ensure better traffic flow in and out of the complex. Staff will enter the car park from either Institute Road, or Darcy Road.

Other key works that are also part of the planning approvals is the widening and extension of Institute Road as well as landscaping with new open space and pathways.

The project team has been presenting to a range of stakeholders within and around the precinct. Submissions for the planning approval close on Friday, 18th of December but the project team is available any time to brief you on the details.

If you would like a briefing or have questions, please feel free to contact the project office on 1800 990 296.

For information on the planning application visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au.

Construction on the multi-deck is expected to start in mid-2016 and completed by mid-2017.
Parking Changes in 2016

- The on grade car park will open in April 2016.
- The oval car parking will open in mid 2016.
- Further on grade car parking will be made available in late 2016.
- Each 2016 - Dental Car park closes once new open air car park is complete. Construction on the Multi-Deck Car Park will commence in early 2016 to be completed in 2017.
- Once all open air car parking is complete, the multi-storey car park is demolished to make way for the new Acute Services Building.
- A new helipad will be constructed on the roof of the Children's Hospital’s public car park.
Important information on works

- Please be patient, there will be disruption on the campus over the next five years.
- Check signs around your usual parking area for upcoming changes as the project progresses.
- Follow instructions from site staff.
- Walk only on marked paths.
- Report any concerns or questions you have to the Project Office – 1800 990 296.

On site this week

- Geotechnical investigations around the campus continuing throughout December.
- Access to Oval is now closed until the new car park is opened in 2016.
- Investigations for new helipad.
- Redevelopment works, but no disruption.
- Masters of Nursing works continue.
- Short stay redevelopment works continue into 2016.

Westmead Hospital

Demolition for the new car park.
**Site Alert No 17**

**4 December 2015**

**Works in Multi Deck Car Park 4 (adjacent to NETS)**

**Thursday 10 December to Friday 18 December 2015**

From Thursday 10 to Friday 18 December geotechnical investigations are taking place on the bottom two levels of the Adult Hospital staff multi deck car park between 7am and 2pm each day.

Geotechnical testing involves a single large truck with a drill on the back that drills 200mm test holes in the ground which are then refilled. The truck will then move to the next location.

Drive slowly and carefully, and follow instructions from site staff. Pedestrians, please stay on the marked paths.

Apologies for the disruption. Thanks for your co-operation.

**WHERE**

Geotech investigations in the bottom level of (adult) Hospital staff Multi Deck 4 car park 7am to 2pm Between 10–18 December 2015

**ROAD OR CAR PARK CLOSURES**

Good news! We no longer need to close the car park. Isolation of areas. Traffic control where required.

**CAR PARKING**

Temporary small capacity reduction during the short period of these works. Location within the multi-deck car park 4 (adjacent to NETS) will change each day.

**NOISE/VIBRATIONS**

Intermittent loud noise and vibration

**DUST**

Water mitigation measures will be in place

Please contact Kirstin Shepherd on 0417 225 271 if you have any questions.