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NSW BUDGET: \$100 MILLION KICKER FOR \$900 MILLION WESTMEAD REDEVELOPMENT

The 2016-17 Budget will provide almost \$100 million towards the \$900 million Westmead Redevelopment which will transform the campus into a cutting-edge 'health city', Premier Mike Baird announced today.

Mr Baird was joined by Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian and Health Minister Jillian Skinner to announce the 2016-17 Budget will include \$60.5 million towards the new Acute Services Building and \$38.8 million towards the massive new car park.

"This is the biggest hospital redevelopment in NSW and today we deliver on one of our biggest election commitments. This redevelopment is a game changer for Western Sydney and NSW and will boast the largest concentration of biomedical, scientific and healthcare-focussed minds in the nation," Mr Baird said.

Over \$900 million has been committed to the Westmead Redevelopment, including:

- \$750 million for Stage 1 which will co-locate complex and critical care services into a multi-storey Acute Services Building linking Westmead Hospital and The Children's Hospital at Westmead. Stage 1 also includes refurbishments to existing facilities including the intensive care unit. The Acute Services Building - due for completion in 2020 - will include new operating theatres, extra inpatient beds and new adult and paediatric emergency departments.
- \$95 million for The Children's Hospital at Westmead.
- \$72 million for car parking, including a six-storey car park with 1250 spaces (due for completion in mid-2017) - taking campus capacity to over 5,400 spaces.

Ms Berejiklian said: "The funding stream for the Westmead Redevelopment really starts to flow in the 2016/17 Budget. Up to 1000 construction workers will be employed on-site each day at the peak of the redevelopment, with significant flow-on effects to the Western Sydney economy."

Mrs Skinner said: "Westmead Hospital is an iconic but ageing hospital which has not had a major upgrade since the 1970s. Its deserved reputation for clinical excellence has not been matched by its infrastructure. Well, watch this space."

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