



## Sutherland Hospital and Community Health Services

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### Green light for \$300 million redevelopment of Sutherland and St George Hospitals



Andrew Constance, NSW Treasurer and Jillian Skinner, NSW Health Minister, announced funding of \$300 million for major redevelopments at Sutherland and St George Hospitals. (From left): Annette Dunn, Nurse in Charge, Emergency Department, Dr Enasio Morris, Director, Emergency Department, Cath Whitehurst, Director of Operations, St George and Sutherland Hospitals, Mark Speakman MP, Member for Cronulla, Mark Shepherd, A/Chief Executive Officer, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD), Jillian Skinner, Health Minister, Lee Evans MP, Member for Heathcote, Dr Martin Mackertich, Director of Clinical Services, St George Hospital and Associate Professor Peter Gonski, SESLHD Board member.

Sutherland and St George Hospital staff had cause to celebrate today, when NSW Treasurer Andrew Constance and NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner joined local MPs and staff to announce the start of major redevelopments of both hospitals. The two projects will total in excess of \$300 million. The final scope and cost will be determined once planning is completed later this year.

Mr Constance said the NSW Budget – which he will deliver on 17 June – will include \$2.24 million to commence the Sutherland Hospital project and \$4 million to commence the St George Hospital redevelopment.



“The redevelopment of Sutherland and St George Hospitals will be two of the largest infrastructure projects undertaken in southern Sydney for decades,” Mr Constance said.

The redevelopment of Sutherland Hospital announced will include up to 60 new inpatient beds and an expansion of the Emergency Department. The redevelopment of St George Hospital will include the expansion of intensive care, high dependency and cardiac care services, to create new operating theatres and enhance inpatient wards.

This is the next step in the redevelopment of Sutherland and St George Hospitals after the construction of the Sutherland Hospital car park and the building of the new \$39 million Emergency Department at St George Hospital.

Mrs Skinner said the two redevelopment projects would ensure frontline health care could be delivered in state-of-the-art facilities for decades to come.

“Our Government recognises that Sutherland and St George Hospitals serve a fast-growing part of southern Sydney and the northern Illawarra and by coordinating the delivery of these two projects, we will ensure the best possible outcome for patients and the community,” Mrs Skinner said.

In October 2013, Sutherland and St George Hospitals received funding from the NSW Government for the planning of major redevelopments at both sites. Sutherland Hospital received \$400,000 and St George Hospital received \$800,000 to allow completion of a business case for the redevelopment and the submission of the projects to the Ministry of Health and the NSW Treasury for endorsement.