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

Andrew Constance, NSW Treasurer and Jillian Skinner, NSW Health Minister, announced funding of $300 million for major redevelopments at St George and Sutherland Hospitals. (From left): Associate Professor Peter Smerdely, SESLHD Board member, Allan Ajami, Nursing Unit Manager, Emergency Department, Dr Trevor Chan, Director, Emergency Department, Cath Whitehurst, Director of Operations, St George and Sutherland Hospitals, Associate Professor Theresa Jacques, Director, Intensive Care Unit, Mark Shepherd, Acting Chief Executive, SESLHD, Jillian Skinner and Andrew Constance.

St George and Sutherland 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 $4 million to commence the St George Hospital redevelopment and $2.24 million to commence the Sutherland Hospital project.
“The redevelopment of St George and Sutherland Hospitals will be two of the largest infrastructure projects undertaken in southern Sydney for decades,” Mr Constance said.

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

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

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 St George and Sutherland 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, St George and Sutherland Hospitals received funding from the NSW Government for the planning of major redevelopments at both sites. St George Hospital received $800,000 and Sutherland $400,000 to allow the 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.