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STAGE 2 OF MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL COMPLETE

Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Health Minister Brad Hazzard officially opened Mount Drutt's \$3.5 million Community Dialysis Centre today, marking the completion of Stage 2 of the Mount Drutt Hospital expansion project.

"Mount Drutt residents will no longer have to travel for renal services with a first-class dialysis centre on the hospital grounds, part of the more than \$700 million redevelopment of Blacktown and Mount Drutt hospitals," Ms Berejiklian said.

"This is the latest achievement from our \$7.7 billion investment in health infrastructure across the State to improve the timeliness and quality of healthcare for all in NSW."

Since coming to Government, the Liberals & Nationals have opened more than 65 new or upgraded health facilities.

Mount Drutt Hospital's Stage 2 expansion included:

- A new MRI unit, providing a non-invasive diagnostic service;
- A new recovery area, including peri-operative support;
- A refurbished digital operating theatre;
- A Centre for Addiction Medicine, including consultation, counselling and support;
- The relocation of existing pre-admission clinics to a new purpose-built unit.

Mr Hazzard said the 12-chair dialysis centre has the capacity to deliver 144 sessions a week to 48 patients needing kidney dialysis.

"Before the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government overhauled local health services, patients had the added burden of travel for lifesaving dialysis," Mr Hazzard said.

"Now they have spacious renal services on their doorstep in a relaxed garden setting, which is terrific given patients on dialysis are in hospital up to five hours at a time, three times a week."

Stage 1, completed in 2016, expanded Mount Drutt's emergency department. Bureau of Health Information figures out today show 80 per cent of patients spent four hours or less in the emergency department, compared to 48.7 per cent under Labor; while patients receiving their elective surgery on time is now 100 per cent, compared to 84.5 per cent under Labor.

Work is continuing on nearby Blacktown Hospital's acute services building, due for completion in 2019.

For images and video see:

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