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SIMPLY THE BEST - NEW EUROBODALLA HOSPITAL

The state-of-the art \$260 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will be a magnet for a bigger, revitalised health workforce, said Minister for Health Brad Hazzard, who was visiting health facilities in the Eurobodalla today.

"This is an amazing part of NSW and is an ideal home for medical, nursing and allied health professionals to have great careers while supporting the south coast community with their vital health care needs," Mr Hazzard said.

"Work that is necessary for the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital to open with expanded services at Level 4 is already well underway."

Mr Hazzard said the Government had put in place measures to help secure the economy and jobs in NSW during the pandemic by building for the future with massive infrastructure projects. In November, the Government announced a \$500 million boost to rural health services and infrastructure.

Funding for Southern NSW included:

- \$20 million funding for a HealthOne for Bateman's Bay
- \$15 million for modern, sustainable accommodation for health workers close to health facilities. This is part of a \$45 million program for key health workers accommodation across the regions.
- An additional \$60 million (total \$260 million) to ensure that all services and facilities that needed to be delivered at Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, are delivered.

"When the NSW Liberals and Nationals were voted in, in 2011, after 16 years of Labor Government, there were no level 4 health services on the south coast.

"Now we have Bega's level 4 services at South Eastern Regional Hospital (\$187 million) and by 2025 we will have the brand new, \$260 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital that will open and welcome patients with its level 4 services, looking after the communities of Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma.

"That's a great success for the south coast, being delivered by the Liberals and Nationals government," Mr Hazzard said.

"When Labor was in government, health services were closed. Now there are massive new hospitals that have been built, or are being built."

*Levels assigned to hospitals describes the level of clinical services, not hospitals or health facilities as a whole. The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will include: an emergency department, an 8 bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) /Close Observation Unit (COU), increased capacity for chemotherapy treatments, surgical and operating theatres, expanded medical imaging, including MRI and additional X-ray; ambulatory care for community outpatient services, paediatric and maternity services - including inpatient beds; flexible mental health beds associated with the medical inpatient unit and enhanced education and training facilities.

A link to design images can be found at https://bit.ly/3F2Av9F

More information about how stakeholders and community members can get involved in the project is available at www.eurobodallahs.health.nsw.gov.au

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