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Brad Hazzard Minister for Health

\$20 MILLION HEALTH WIN FOR BATEMANS BAY

The community of Batemans Bay will benefit from a new \$20 million HealthOne facility as part of the NSW Government's record investment of \$500 million to ensure that more health services and infrastructure are delivered to rural and regional NSW.

Minister for Health, Brad Hazzard, said Batemans Bay HealthOne has been undergoing planning for the past six months, and will be a one-stop, unique model of integrated care for the community.

"The NSW Liberals and Nationals Government has consistently worked to deliver health upgrades to rural communities, so that people can access high quality health services in contemporary, purpose built facilities close to home," Mr Hazzard said.

The model brings together Commonwealth-funded general practice and state-funded primary and community health care services, including dental, pharmacy and allied health professionals, to create a healthcare hub in one convenient location.

"While Commonwealth and State Governments have different areas of responsibility in delivering health services, the community just wants an effective, seamless system that works for them," Mr Hazzard said.

"HealthOnes are particularly beneficial for people who have complex health needs, and are a proven successful model that bridges the gap between private providers and Commonwealth and State delivered health services."

The new \$20 million HealthOne at Batemans Bay complements the NSW Government's \$260 million investment in a new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital which will be built at Moruya.

Since coming into Government, the Liberals and Nationals have delivered more than 110 health capital projects across rural and regional NSW with more than 70 additional projects currently underway.

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