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AUSTRALIA'S HEALTH 'SKYSCRAPER' THE HEART OF WESTMEAD

The sheer size, scope and potential of Westmead Hospital's Central Acute Services Building (CASB) as part of the \$1 billion Westmead Redevelopment project has been revealed today.

On track for completion next year, Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the 14-storey CASB will be the tallest hospital building in the country, is the centerpiece of the massive health project and reflects the NSW Government's commitment to health in Western Sydney and across the State.

"This is the first glimpse inside the jewel in the crown of Australia's biggest health, education and research precinct which will deliver services on a scale never seen before," Mr Hazzard said.

"This building will connect Westmead Hospital and The Children's Hospital, and include new emergency departments, operating theatres, surgical suites, helipad and infectious diseases unit.

"We are now just a few floors away from topping out this building which will also contain a paediatric short stay unit, medical imaging, cardiac inpatient units, sterilising services and more.

"It symbolises not only what the NSW Government has delivered for the health care of families in Western Sydney but across the State - \$8.5 billion on health facilities with \$8 billion on the way."

The CASB is the heart of the entire health precinct, which will be a global health city with commercial, development and lifestyle opportunities for Western Sydney. It will contain four major hospitals, three medical research institutions and two world-class universities.

The NSW Government recently announced its partnership with the University of Sydney to establish a second campus which aims to attract 25,000 students and create 20,000 jobs.

"Our Government is assuring the best health and education facilities in the country so we attract the brightest doctors, nurses, researchers, scientists and students to the region," Mr Hazzard said.

"Labor spent next to nothing on health capital works during its wasted years in government, while the Liberals & Nationals Government in just eight years has completed 94 health facilities, with 110 more underway and is investing unprecedented funds on health facilities in Sydney's West."

Some of the bigger ticket items for the region include:

- Nepean Hospital: more than \$1 billion.
- Westmead and The Children's Hospital, Westmead: \$1 billion.
- Forensic Medicine and Coroner's Court Complex, Lidcombe: \$91.5 million
- Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals: more than \$700 million
- Campbelltown Hospital: more than \$775 million
- Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct: \$740 million
- Rouse Hill Health Service: \$300 million.
- Ronald McDonald House, Westmead: \$10 million
- Bankstown-Lidcombe Emergency Department: \$25 million
- Concord Hospital: \$341 million

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