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STADIUMS WILL COME BEFORE HOSPITAL UPGRADES UNDER LIBERALS – PATIENTS WILL HAVE TO WAIT LONGER

The Berejiklian Liberal Government's wrong priorities have been exposed again with news that a new stadium at Moore Park will be delivered years before upgrades to some of the state's busiest hospitals.

An analysis of the State Government budget papers show that patients at Nepean, Campbelltown, Tweed, Randwick, Westmead and Liverpool will be forced to wait longer for their hospitals than the SCG Trust and the NRL will have to wait for their new \$730 million stadium.

The Liberals plan to start demolition of the Sydney Football Stadium this week and ensure the wrecking ball swings before the state election in March.

A new stadium will be completed by early 2022 – at least one year ahead of the projected hospital upgrades.

Patients at Nepean Hospital will have to wait until 2023 for their redevelopment, while residents of Campbelltown and Liverpool will have to wait even longer – 2024 and 2026 respectively.

North Coast patients won't get their upgrade at Tweed Hospital until 2025, and the upgrade at Maitland Hospital won't be completed until 2024.

While the Liberals race ahead with the demolition of a stadium that will supposedly be up and running by 2022 costing \$730 million, last year the Berejiklian Liberal Government made paltry down payments on hospitals.

For example, a mere \$5 million was allocated to Campbelltown Hospital last financial year, \$10 million to Tweed Hospital and \$25 million to Maitland Hospital.

The Berejiklian Liberal Government is putting the interests of ordinary people behind those of corporations like the NRL and the SCG Trust.

It just goes to show that under Premier Berejiklian people will always come a distant second to private interests.

Quotes attributable to NSW Opposition Leader Michael Daley

"In the Liberal Government's eyes people just don't count."

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“The Premier is putting the building of a private palace paid for by the taxpayer ahead of building hospitals. It beggars belief that she can put her stadiums before people’s health.

“Daley Labor will always put hospitals before stadiums and people before profits.”

Quotes attributable to Shadow Health Minister Walt Secord

“Under the Liberals the hospital system lurches from crisis to crisis.

“Liverpool and Westmead hospitals have the dubious distinction of NSW’s longest waits for elective surgery and in emergency departments.

“Patients will have to wait longer for much-needed upgrades than a stadium in Sydney’s eastern suburbs.”