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PREVIEW OF \$100 MILLION MANNING BASE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

The Myall Lakes community have been provided with their first look at the concept designs for the \$100 million Stage 2 redevelopment of Manning Base Hospital, showcasing the new and enhanced health facilities to be delivered for the region.

Member for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead said the project builds on significant redevelopments already delivered at the hospital, and will include construction of a new inpatient unit and a two-storey building that will better connect existing services within the hospital campus.

“The NSW Government is revitalising Manning Base Hospital to strengthen healthcare for Taree and surrounding communities,” Mr Bromhead said.

“The new two-storey building will link the existing buildings on the campus to the new inpatient unit. This building will separate the entry and public areas on level 1 from the clinical and patient only areas to provide high-quality patient care, improved access around the hospital and better connectivity of services.

“The redevelopment is also being built with capacity to enable new and upgraded clinical facilities to be integrated seamlessly into the future.”

The second stage of the redevelopment includes:

- Upgraded capacity for acute and inpatient beds to support contemporary models of care
- Relocation and expansion of inpatient resources, including pharmacy and pathology
- Improved drop-off and front of house areas to provide a clear entry to the hospital
- An integrated back of house and upgrade of essential hospital infrastructure
- Reconfiguration and refurbishment of key areas

Minister for Regional Health Bronnie Taylor said the concept design builds on the master plan for Manning Base Hospital which was unveiled earlier this year.

“This next stage of the project is a great opportunity for people to provide their feedback on the vision for this modern healthcare facility, which is being designed to create a welcoming and culturally respectful space for patients their carers, staff and our local community,” Mrs Taylor said.

“It will feature new landscaped areas and gardens for community use, spaces to reflect the diversity of the community and takes advantage of views of the region from spaces at the end of the inpatient unit corridors.”

As the project team progresses the design and plans for the project, staff and community are being encouraged to provide feedback on the concept plan via



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information pop-ups, community and stakeholder presentations and the project website.

The Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment is part of the NSW Government's record \$11.9 billion investment in health infrastructure over four years to 2025-26, with nearly a third of the capital allocation in this financial year going towards regional and rural health facilities.

Additional investments in the region include:

- \$20 million towards a new hospital in Forster-Tuncurry
- A new ambulance station in Forster, as part of the \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) program
- \$835 million John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct

Since 2011, the government has delivered more than 180 hospitals and health facilities across NSW, with more than 130 currently underway – of those, more than **90** are in rural and regional areas.

The Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment is being delivered in partnership with Health Infrastructure and Hunter New England Local Health District.

For more information about the hospital redevelopment, please visit: www.hneinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/manning

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