

## \$194.3 million for Campbelltown Hospital & mental health

### 583 construction jobs and capacity for 160 new beds

Premier Kristina Keneally yesterday announced the NSW Government will fund a \$194.3 million upgrade of Campbelltown Hospital and expansion of the Campbelltown Mental Health Service.

The \$194.3 million capital works project will see Campbelltown Hospital receive \$129.7 million for a new building and reconfiguration of existing facilities.

Campbelltown Mental Health Service will receive \$64.6 million for a major upgrade.

The redevelopment is expected to deliver capacity for around 160 additional beds across the two facilities.

More than 580 (583) people will be employed during construction of the upgrade.

Ms Keneally was joined by Health Minister Carmel Tebbutt, Member for Macquarie Fields, Dr Andrew McDonald, Member for Camden, Geoff Corrigan and Member for Wollondilly, Phil Costa to make the formal announcement.

While detailed planning will commence shortly, the new building at Campbelltown Hospital will provide more than 7000 m<sup>2</sup> of acute services facilities, which are expected to include:

- A new medical and surgical assess-

ment unit;

- Expanded ambulatory care space;
- New surgical wards;
- New aged and palliative care facilities;
- An expanded pathology area; and
- Modern spaces for the outpatient and allied health units.

The redevelopment of existing facilities at Campbelltown Hospital is expected to include:

- An expanded Emergency Department;
- Four new birthing rooms;
- New cardiac catheterisation laboratories;
- New interventional suite; and
- A new paediatric outpatient area.

In addition, \$64.6 million will be provided to redevelop and expand the capacity of the Campbelltown Mental Health Service for South West Sydney residents.

Tenders have been called for the redevelopment and early and enabling works are expected to commence in 2011.

Main construction works are due to commence in early 2012 and the upgrade is expected to be completed in mid 2015.

Campbelltown Hospital is one of the busiest hospitals in the Sydney region and each year has around 52,000 peo-

ple present to its Emergency Department and delivers more than 2,700 babies.

"This is fantastic news for local residents – we've been pushing for an upgrade at Campbelltown Hospital," Member for Macquarie Fields, Dr Andrew McDonald said.

"The \$194.3 million redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital and the Campbelltown Mental Health Service will increase capacity for local families.

"As a practicing medical practitioner at Campbelltown Hospital, I know what this will mean for the local community as well as for medical training at the University of Western Sydney."

Member for Camden, Geoff Corrigan said: "The upgrade of Campbelltown Hospital and the Campbelltown Mental Health Service will help the hospital to cope with predicted increases in demand for health services, such as a 50 per cent increase in emergency department attendances."

"The major redevelopment of the Campbelltown Mental Health Service will also mean more mental health services can be provided in the region, ensuring local residents receive important treatments close to their family and friends.

"The NSW Government will deliver

the completed upgrade by early 2015 for the benefit of the entire South West Sydney community."

Member for Wollondilly, Phil Costa said: "The Campbelltown Hospital redevelopment will be a landmark project that will deliver for the people of Sydney's South West."

"This redevelopment will employ some 580 workers during the construction period and will be a major boost for local tradespeople and contractors in the area.

"This is a great win for our local community and builds on the substantial investment the NSW Government has already made at Campbelltown Hospital to ensure our local hospital meets the needs of our growing region well into the future."

Premier Keneally said: "Sydney's South West is a rapidly growing region and the NSW Government is delivering the health infrastructure to support that growth now and into the future."

"Hardworking local MPs have been pushing for a major redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital and the Campbelltown Mental Health Service to cater for local residents and I am delighted to announce the NSW Government will fund this \$194.3 million major upgrade."

## 400 JOBS AND \$180 MILLION BOOST TO NSW ECONOMY

Premier Kristina Keneally announced a new major defence manufacturing facility will be built in Western Sydney, creating up to 400 new jobs and injecting \$180 million into the NSW economy.

The NSW Government has secured advanced composite manufacturer Quickstep Technologies, with the company setting up a \$15 million facility at Bankstown Airport.

Quickstep is moving its operations from Western Australia to NSW after securing a long term agreement, valued at more than half a billion dollars, to supply aircraft components for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) defence project.

"This is a major boost for the state's defence sector and a massive injection into the economies of both western Sydney and NSW," Ms Keneally said.

"This work will create up to 400 jobs as well as additional work for local sub-contractors including construction, logistics and supply chain positions," Ms Keneally said.

"The Bankstown facility will offer the manufacturing capacity for Quickstep to potentially become the largest independent aerospace composites manufacturer in Australia.

"Importantly, attracting this business to NSW will further build the State's advanced manufacturing and defence capabili-



ties and add to our expertise in advanced composite materials.

"NSW offers a workforce with the specialist skills required to deliver such a large scale defence program, together with access to the large network of suppliers located in NSW and on the east coast of Australia."

Member for East Hills Alan Ashton said: "This is a massive win for Bankstown and a vote of confidence in the region's highly-skilled workforce, especially in the aerospace and defence sectors."

Ms Keneally said securing Quickstep's investment is part of the NSW Government's ongoing commitment to building the State's defence and aerospace industries.

The NSW Government announced a \$75 million initiative to boost the state's defence industry in last year's State Budget, including setting up the NSW Office of Defence.

"The NSW Government is strongly committed to securing new defence industry jobs to boost the state's \$400 billion economy," Ms Keneally said.

"The NSW Government's commitment is for NSW to secure 30 per cent of Australia's in-country defence spend by 2019.

"We aim to create more than 1,500 new jobs in Defence-related industries by 2013 and with today's announcement we are well on the way to achieving this goal."

Quickstep's Chief Executive, Philippe Odouard, said the move to Bankstown provided the company with a long-term lease over a manufacturing facility that offered the scale, resources and utilities needed to undertake large-scale JSF manufacturing.

"We are delighted to have secured this facility at Bankstown Airport, which has established

aerospace manufacturing capabilities in place and access to a highly-skilled workforce," Mr Odouard said.

"The NSW Government has provided invaluable assistance to facilitate this move and we are extremely pleased to be working with them to ensure the State's proud reputation for aerospace manufacturing continues long into the future."

### Background Notes

The NSW Government's \$75 million defence initiative, announced as part of this year's NSW Budget, includes:

- \$25 million to target new investment and help NSW companies win defence-related work;
- A \$50 million site in Sydney's north-west to develop a defence and related technology hub;
- A dedicated NSW Office of Defence team within Industry & Investment NSW; and
- A website to help businesses secure defence industry business [www.defence.nsw.gov.au](http://www.defence.nsw.gov.au)

The NSW Office of Defence team has already secured a number of high-tech defence related projects including:

- Thomas Electronics at Milperra – specialising in aerospace and defence electronics, the company is about to expand their workforce with around 75 new jobs and an extra \$15M in-

vestment

• Broens Industries at Ingleburn – acquired InterCast & Forge in western Sydney, securing 200 jobs and securing an important part of the supply chain for manufacturing, engineering and defence industries

The F-35 Joint Strike Fighters are being developed as a stealth fighter jet for the United States and eight partner countries including the United Kingdom, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, Canada, Australia, Denmark and Norway. Australia intends to purchase up to 100 F-35 aircraft. Quickstep signed a long term agreement with global defence contractor Northrop Grumman Corporation to become the Australian supplier of advanced composite aircraft components for the Joint Strike Fighter project.

Quickstep will supply up to 16 different JSF components, including lower side skins, maintenance access panels, fuel tank covers, lower skins and in-board weapons bay doors.

Advanced composite materials play an increasingly important role in the global aerospace industry as they allow for the construction of lighter, faster and more fuel-efficient aircraft.

This Australian-made technology also has the potential to significantly contribute to the State's export capacity.