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\$224 MILLION TO REDEVELOP GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL

The NSW Government today announced a further \$189 million in new funding for the full redevelopment of Griffith Base Hospital, adding to \$35 million already committed for Stage One.

Deputy Premier and Leader of the NSW Nationals John Barilaro, together with Member for Murray Austin Evans, made the announcement today at Griffith Base Hospital as part of the 2018-19 Budget Half-Yearly Review.

Mr Barilaro said the NSW Government has delivered on its promise made to the Griffith community that residents would receive funding for a fully redeveloped hospital.

"Whenever I travel to Griffith, the number one issue people talk to me about is improving health services at Griffith Base Hospital," Mr Barilaro said.

"After tireless lobbying from the local member Austin Evans on behalf of the community, I am proud to announce a total of \$224 million has been committed for the full redevelopment of Griffith Base Hospital.

"We have already seen work begin on Stage One of the redevelopment and the NSW Government has fully committed to building the next stage of the world class hospital the people of Griffith deserve.

"Following completion of the Master Plan, the need for a major upgrade at Griffith Base Hospital was clear. We said we would build a hospital that meets the needs of a growing community and that is exactly what today's funding will deliver," he said.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is investing in a \$8 billion health infrastructure boom across NSW over the next four years.

"Every patient in every corner of the state is benefiting from the NSW Government's record investment in hospitals and health services, including here in Griffith," Mr Hazzard said.

Mr Evans said the full redevelopment of Griffith Base Hospital is one the highest priorities for the community.

"From day one as the Member for Murray, I have been working with the Premier and Deputy Premier to make sure Griffith gets a fully funded upgraded hospital.

"The local community has fought hard for their hospital and that fight has now paid off.

"I want to thank the staff at Griffith Base Hospital and local government, working with the Local Health District, Health Infrastructure and their project teams, who have contributed to the Master Plan and look forward to delivering a fantastic new hospital for the people of Griffith.

"This is a great day for the Griffith community and we can now get on with the job of building a hospital that our community deserves," he said.

Early site works have already begun on the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment as part of Stage One of the redevelopment.

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