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## Minns government begins planning for new hospital within Western Sydney Aerotropolis precinct

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Plans for a major hospital to open within the new Western Sydney Aerotropolis are taking off as the Minns' government shifts into full gear ahead of the opening of the new airport.

The Daily Telegraph can reveal planning and site selection analysis for the new public hospital, which will be located within the 11,000 hectare hub surrounding Western Sydney International Airport, is underway after a \$15 million government investment.

Early planning for the project will begin this year and consider multiple options, including a "full campus" hospital model complete with an on-site childcare centre and health care worker housing.

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park said the funding package delivered on promises made by the government to prepare for the population boom ahead.

"While this process has a way to go, I'm determined to ensure the final product meets the needs of the growing community in South West Sydney well into the future," Mr Park said.





Artists' impression of a streetscape in the new Western Sydney Aerotropolis core precinct.

“Our investment in planning for this hospital is on top of more than \$6 billion in health and hospital infrastructure investment under this Labor government for the Greater Western Sydney region.”

As part of the preparation work, the Ministry of Health and South Western Sydney LHD (SWSLHD) are currently developing the clinical services framework for the region, taking into consideration the projected population increases.



Aerotropolis Precinct Plan artist's impression – Thompsons Creek Regional Park.

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Both bodies have agreed to establish an early Virtual Care Hub to get the ball rolling with timing and location yet to be determined.

SWSLHD will also be undertaking planning for additional community-based services and options for an Integrated Health Hub, which works as a “one-stop-shop” for patients to access services such as cancer care, cardiac rehabilitation, occupational therapy and preventative screening at a single location.

Planning will begin this year and will inform the assessment and selection of site options throughout 2026, with the airport due to open in less than 18 months.

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The Aerotropolis hospital is only the latest health facility the government has invested in within the Greater Western Sydney area, with main construction works to begin this month on the \$540 million Integrated Health Care Complex at Westmead Hospital.

Planning and design are also underway on the \$1.3bn New Bankstown Hospital, while major construction milestones are expected in the next two years for the \$830m Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct, \$1bn Nepean Hospital redevelopment, and \$619 Westmead Children's Hospital redevelopment.

## Capital Works Summary – Hospitals and Health Facilities in Greater Western Sydney

- \$540 million Integrated Mental Health Complex at Westmead Hospital – Enabling works completed – main works construction to begin in April 2025
- \$700 million for the new Rouse Hill Hospital - Planning and design underway
- \$120 million for Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals – Additional Beds – Planning and design underway
- \$49.6 million Viral Vector Manufacturing Facility, Westmead Hospital Campus – Construction expected to be completed in 2025
- Westmead Palliative Care Unit (Part of \$93 million for capital investment in the World Class End of Life Care program) – Planning and design underway
- \$1.3 billion for the New Bankstown Hospital – Planning and design underway
- \$550 million for the Fairfield Hospital Redevelopment – Planning and design underway
- \$830 million Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct – Enabling works for Phase 2 of the project underway. Construction completion expected in Late 2026
- \$15 million for a new Hospital at Western Sydney Aerotropolis (Planning) - Early planning and site selection underway
- \$350 million for the Canterbury Hospital Redevelopment – Planning and design underway – Master Plan unveiled February 2025
- \$1.031 billion Nepean Hospital Redevelopment Stages 1 and 2 – Stage 1 completed. Main construction of Stage 2 of the redevelopment Construction completion

major construction of Stage 2 of the project underway. Construction completion expected in 2026.

- \$25 million for the Blue Mountains Hospital Redevelopment Planning & Upgrades – Early planning underway
- Nepean Palliative Care Unit (Part of \$93 million for capital investment in the World Class End of Life Care program) – Planning and design underway
- Nepean Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (Part of the NSW Government's \$700 million Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program)-
- Major construction underway and expected to be completed in 2025.
- \$619 million The Children's Hospital at Westmead Redevelopment Stage 2 – Major construction underway, expected to be completed late 2025.
- Oran Park Ambulance Station – Planning and design underway
- Glendenning Ambulance Station – Planning and design underway

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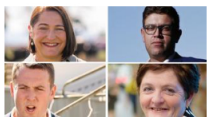
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