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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SOD TURNED FOR PENRITH AMBULANCE SUPERSTATION**

Work has begun on Penrith's new ambulance superstation, with NSW Premier Mike Baird and Health Minister Jillian Skinner today joining local MPs Stuart Ayres and Tanya Davies to turn the first sod on construction.

The Penrith superstation, at 141 High Street, is one of nine sites currently announced as part of the NSW Government's \$150 million Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy - the most significant investment in Sydney's paramedic infrastructure in NSW Ambulance's history.

"Today is an important day for Penrith and Western Sydney as we mark the start of work on a piece of new, modern infrastructure that will make life better for paramedics and patients," Mr Baird said.

Mrs Skinner said: "Superstations are key hubs for ambulance vehicles and operational management teams.

"Support staff will clean and restock vehicles, allowing paramedics to spend most of their shift away from the superstation, either mobile attending to patients or on standby at smaller stations known as Paramedic Response Points."

Mr Ayres said: "With parking bays for up to 22 ambulance vehicles, the Penrith superstation will provide Western Sydney paramedics with a purpose-built work place that will be a vastly improved base from the existing 75-year-old station."

Ms Davies said: "This is an important investment for our community and I know our local paramedics are keenly looking forward to its completion."

To support the new superstations, the NSW Government announced last week that it would immediately fast-track recruitment of 27 extended care and intensive care paramedics at a cost of \$5.1 million. This is on top of the \$1.5 million already released in 2015/16 to recruit eight specialist paramedics.

For further information, visit [www.ambulancesuperstations.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ambulancesuperstations.health.nsw.gov.au)

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