



# Jillian Skinner MP

## Minister for Health

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#### **CLEARING BEGINS TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW LIVERPOOL SUPER AMBULANCE STATION**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Holsworthy MP Melanie Gibbons today visited the site of Liverpool's new super ambulance station to inspect clearing works which will make way for construction of the facility.

The NSW Government purchased the site of the former Liverpool Council chambers at 1-3 Hoxton Park Road last year as part of its \$150 million strategy to ensure NSW Ambulance facilities are fit for the future.

Mrs Skinner said the NSW Ambulance Sydney Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy will improve response times by reorganising and enhancing infrastructure to better serve paramedics and patients.

"The NSW Government is committed to ensuring NSW Ambulance has the support it needs to deliver its life-saving and life-changing work," Mrs Skinner said.

"This new station will be one of the first to be built in the metropolitan area in almost 20 years. Construction is set to begin later this year.

"It is anticipated the new station will house about 30 ambulances – a major improvement on the current station.

"For too long ambulance infrastructure has been neglected and the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is getting on with delivering first-class facilities for our paramedics."

Ms Gibbons said Liverpool is one of five priority sites for the development, joining Blacktown, Penrith, Bankstown, and Kogarah.

"I'm pleased this new approach to ambulance infrastructure will mean paramedics are in the right place to respond to emergencies as quickly as possible," Ms Gibbons said.

"This is a common sense location – close to major roads, which will ensure patients receiving the quick, quality care NSW Ambulance is known for well into the future.

"The 21,730 square-metre Liverpool site is the largest of the five priority sites and will require the most pre-construction work."

NSW Ambulance Commissioner Ray Creen said the Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy has been developed to build ambulance stations of the future.

“The super ambulance station concept gives us the capacity to better align our paramedics and our vehicles to meet patient activity and demand. It will ensure we get the right treatment, to the right patient, at the right time, in the right way – every time,” Commissioner Creen said.

“These buildings will provide a platform from which NSW Ambulance can deliver an even more improved service to our patients.”

A geotechnical study will also be undertaken and underground services such as gas and water will be secured and sealed in readiness for the new construction.

Further super ambulance station sites will be developed as the five-year program rolls out.