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NEW BLACKTOWN SUPERSTATION TO THE RESCUE

Work is underway on Blacktown's new Ambulance "superstation" to provide paramedics with an enhanced multi-million dollar facility to meet the emergency medical needs of Western Sydney communities now and into the future.

The Blacktown superstation is part of the NSW Government's \$150 million Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy (SAMIS) investment, which currently includes five sites across Sydney.

Health Minister Jillian Skinner was joined by NSW Ambulance Chief Executive Dominic Morgan and Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly to inspect main works construction of the Blacktown station on Bungarribee Road.

"The SAMIS program marks the most significant investment in Sydney's paramedic infrastructure by the NSW Government," Mrs Skinner said.

"These superstations will ensure paramedics are better equipped to meet current and projected demand on paramedic resources."

The Blacktown station is due for completion in 2017 and will have parking bays for up to 22 ambulance vehicles - a major improvement on the current 30-year-old station at Marcel Crescent, which only has parking capacity for 15 operational vehicles.

Mr Morgan said the Blacktown superstation will be a key hub for local paramedics and support staff.

"This purpose-built, modern facility will sit at the heart of Blacktown and will be supported by smaller, stand-by stations called Paramedic Response Points, creating a network of NSW Ambulance resources that are better placed to support the communities of Blacktown and surrounds," Mr Morgan said.

Construction has also begun on three other superstations at Bankstown, Kogarah and Liverpool, with construction commencing on a superstation at Penrith following planning approval in coming months. Further locations will be announced as the five-year SAMIS program rolls out.

For more information visit: <http://www.ambulancesuperstations.health.nsw.gov.au/>

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