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ANOTHER MINISTER – ANOTHER SNUB OF THE NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL

Northern Beaches residents should not hold their breath that the long promised new hospital will be delivered by this incompetent Labor Government and new Health Minister Carmel Tebbutt.

“All along the peninsula, residents have been waiting and waiting for the commencement of the Northern Beaches hospital – but are yet to see a single brick laid,” Member for Wakehurst, Brad Hazzard, said today.

“Recently I asked Minister Tebbutt in Parliament when will she sign off on the commencement of construction for the hospital.¹

“Her response was to refer me to an answer she gave in a Budget Estimates hearing.

“But the Minister’s response in the Budget Estimates hearing was that State Labor had submitted the Northern Beaches hospital to the Federal Health and Hospital Fund for consideration!

“Years of promises, years of delays and now a submission to the Federal Government for assistance with funding!

“When former Health Minister John Hatzistergos announced Frenchs Forrest as the site for the new hospital he promised, ‘...the planning process should be completed in the second half of 2007. Construction would be expected to start after that and take at least three years to complete.’²

“He also proclaimed ‘This is great news for the people of the Northern Beaches’.³

“But as locals well know – they’ve been repeatedly forgotten by this State Labor Government.

“This comes on the back of the most recent Health Minister, John Della Bosca, who after 9 months in the job had failed to find time to visit Manly and Mona Vale Hospitals⁴.

“Northern Beaches residents deserve a new top-class hospital, not repeated delays and snubs from this broken Labor Government,” Brad Hazzard said.

¹ Answer to Question on Notice, 7992, 30 October 2009

² John Hatzistergos media release, “New Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forrest”, 30 March 2006

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⁴ Answer to Question on Notice, 5730, 1 May 2009

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