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## **TENDER FOR NEW DUBBO AMBULANCE STATION**

State Plan Priority S1: Improved access to quality health care  
State Priority F5: Reduced avoidable hospital admissions

The successful tenderer for the new \$1.5 million Dubbo ambulance station was announced today by Minister for Health John Hatzistergos.

Mr Hatzistergos said the tender has been awarded to local building company Stanway Pty Ltd (Trading as David Payne Constructions).

“This is an excellent outcome for the community,” he said.

“The Dubbo ambulance station will deliver new and improved health services to the community.

“The project will also importantly provide jobs and a boost to the local economy.”

Construction of the new \$1.5 million station will commence immediately on a site in Windsor Parade which was purchased from the Dubbo City Council in 2005.

The Dubbo station is the busiest station within the Western Division area responding to over 700 calls for assistance every month.

Ambulances from Dubbo also provide long distance support vehicles for neighbouring towns by assisting in the transport of patients to and from Dubbo District Hospital.

Mr Hatzistergos said the station incorporates areas for operational and general business communications, administration, staff amenities, storage for medical and other supplies plus a bay for washing and cleaning ambulances.

Features include:

- A base from which up to 12 ambulances and 35 staff can operate
- The inclusion of a shaded rear wall to assist in climate control
- A purpose built staff training and conference area utilised by Dubbo and surrounding stations.

Mr Hatzistergos said the lemma Government's ongoing commitment to rural and regional NSW has resulted in 240 new officers being recruited in rural and regional NSW since 2003/04 and 65 new vehicles deployed at a cost of \$41 million.

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