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New CT scanner for Armidale Hospital

NSW Minister for Health, John Della Bosca, today announced the local community would benefit from a new CT (Computed Tomography) scanner to be installed at Armidale Hospital.

Mr Della Bosca said that as a result of the new scanner critical patients would no longer need to be moved out of hospital to have a CT scan.

“The CT scanner will provide fast, high quality images to doctors resulting in a quicker diagnosis and access to treatment for patients with serious illnesses – such as stroke or cardiovascular disease - or trauma,” the Minister said.

“The scanned images will be available via a digital network meaning they are able to be viewed online by multiple doctors and specialists.

“This will also allow a range of clinicians to review and discuss the images and get second opinions from specialists at larger hospitals more rapidly.

“The installation of the scanner, which will be operational by July 2009, demonstrates the NSW Government’s commitment to the role of the facility as a specialist hospital and supports its role as a teaching facility for medical students.

“The CT scanner will aid in the learning and development of medical students currently training at the hospital as part of the Joint Medical Program undertaken at the University of New England,” Mr Della Bosca said.

“As well as having access to state-of-the-art diagnostic technology, patients who require scanning procedures will not incur any out-of-pocket expenses.

“A new radiographer has been appointed to Armidale Hospital to assist in the operation of the new scanner in addition to the existing radiographic staff at the facility.

“This CT scanner will complement an array of other diagnostic images services provided across the Area Health Service by the NSW Government,” the Minister added.