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Guy Barnett, Minister Health

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Works to start on West Coast District Hospital upgrade

The West Coast District Hospital Upgrade has reached a significant milestone with the construction of the \$2.75 million upgrade beginning in November.

Minister for Health, Guy Barnett, visited the hospital this week ahead of construction commencing.

“This upgrade will help provide Coasters with the healthcare infrastructure they need and deserve,” Minister Barnett said.

“It was wonderful to catch up with health workers and community members on the West Coast.”

This project is jointly funded by the Tasmanian and Australian Governments.

The West Coast District Hospital redevelopment includes increasing the capacity of emergency care to three beds with a negative pressure room and increased access to the Emergency First Response Unit.

It will also add an additional aged care bed with ensuite, providing a greater level of aged care service to the region.

Minister Barnett said this important upgrade also provides a greater level of emergency service to the West Coast of Tasmania through upgrades to the emergency department and patient flow from the ambulance bay.

“To further support the emergency department, the project also delivers new telehealth services as a pilot program to the more isolated regions of Tasmania,” Minister Barnett said.

The Rockliff Liberal Government is doing what matters for Tasmanians including by investing \$8 million into the health system every day.

“We are investing more on health per capita than any other state in Australia* because our Government is delivering on our long-term plan to improve health services across the

State,” Minister Barnett said.

Construction at the West Coast District Hospital is expected to be completed in 2024.

**Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report*