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SINODINOS WELCOMES CENTRAL COAST HEALTH AND MEDICAL PRECINCT

Patron Senator for the Central Coast Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO has welcomed the announcement that a re-elected Turnbull Government would deliver \$32.5 million in capital funding to provide a globally connected and locally focussed world class medical school precinct on the Central Coast of New South Wales.

Minister for Education and Training Simon Birmingham yesterday joined Member for Robertson Lucy Wicks MP and Member for Dobell Karen McNamara MP to announce the Commonwealth commitment to the University of Newcastle's new Central Coast Medical School Hub and Medical Research Institute.

Senator Sinodinos said the Medical School Hub and Research Institute would deliver almost 800 jobs and more than \$200 million in direct economic benefits to the region.

"This facility will further assist the Central Coast to transition into a 21st century economy, built on research, innovation, health and education," Senator Sinodinos said.

"The Central Coast Medical School would operate as a branch facility of the University of Newcastle and would eventually transfer 150 medical student places per year to Gosford to study side-by-side with nursing and allied health students."

Minister Birmingham said the world-class medical school and research institute would transform the local community and regional economy and provide never-before-seen career pathways for local students, clinicians, researchers and health professionals.

"This health and education precinct will ensure that the people of the Central Coast have access to world-class health care and importantly that local medical, nursing and allied health students have the opportunity to study and train in their local community."

The 150 medical student training places – including 30 graduating – per year at this health precinct will not only provide opportunities for local students but also attract health professionals from around the country and internationally.

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