



## **Media Release**

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### **NEW HAEMODIALYSIS UNIT OPENS AT CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL**

Patients suffering from kidney disease will now be able to access a brand new six-bed, modern Haemodialysis Unit at Campbelltown Hospital which will come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004.

Patients on dialysis, who currently have to travel backwards and forwards to Liverpool Hospital and other locations outside the area, can now be treated at Campbelltown, said Yvonne Ayrey, Acting Senior Nurse Manager, Renal Unit, Liverpool Hospital.

“We are all very excited. It’s a brand new unit with the latest modern equipment. Patients will receive the highest quality of dialysis therapy. They will no longer have to go through the discomfort and inconvenience of having to travel long distances for their therapy.”

Some of the patients have been on dialysis for up to eight years waiting for donor organs, said Ms Ayrey. “Patients need to be on a machine for six hours, three times a week, so the convenience of this new unit is going to make a huge, positive difference to their lives, and to the lives of their families.”

**The Director of the Dialysis Unit, Liverpool Hospital Renal Unit, Dr Michael Suranyi and Ms Ayrey will be available to supervise the treatment of the first six patients, and to answer media questions.**

**Photo opportunity with six new patients: 10.30am, Campbelltown Hospital, meet in main foyer.**

Five of the first patients live in the Campbelltown area and one lives at The Oaks in the Camden region. However, the service is available to anyone in the region, including Bowral and other locations in the Wollondilly, Wingecarribee and other shires.

The establishment of the new Unit was one of the recommendations of the recent Barraclough report into healthcare in the Macarthur Health Service.

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