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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **NEW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CALLAN PARK**

The NSW Ministry of Health has announced that Sydney Local Health District will liaise with the community on opportunities for step down mental health provision at Callan Park.

Jamie Parker MP for Balmain will be meeting with Department of Health this coming Tuesday with a view to developing a plan to roll out mental health services at Callan Park as soon as possible.

## Commenting on the announcement, Jamie Parker MP for Balmain says:

"Our community understands that the moral heart of Callan Park is mental health and welcomes the opportunity to support people who are mentally ill towards recovery.

"It's really rare that residents would support a plan that sees step down mental health facilities opening up in their backyard. The fact that people have been calling on services like this to be returned to Callan Park is just one of the reasons why I'm so proud to be a part of this community.

"Community consultation for the Callan Park Master Plan saw virtually unanimous support for mental health facilities to be retained and enhanced at Callan Park.

"After twenty years spent fending off attempts by successive Labor and Liberal governments to develop, sell-off and commercialise this remarkable site, it's encouraging to see the government is finally starting to look to plans that this community actually supports.

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