

## Jodi McKay

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### **New research centre to help fight heart disease**

The Heart Research Institute will officially unveil a new state-of-the-art facility today that will help in fighting Australia's number one killer - heart disease.

Minister for Science and Medical Research Jodi McKay said the Heart Research Institute was established in 1989 through NSW and Federal Government support.

"NSW is a world leader in medical research and is home to some outstanding, internationally recognised and respected cardiovascular researchers who are making significant breakthroughs in this important area," Ms McKay said.

"The Heart Research Institute is a fine example of a NSW research facility that is helping to advance the world-wide battle against chronic disease."

Ms McKay, who will attend the official opening of the new Heart Research Institute facility today, said it includes state-of-the-art laboratories and technology.

"The new facility will support research efforts into the prevention of atherosclerosis (thickening of the arteries)," Ms McKay said.

"Researchers will explore new techniques that will hopefully help lead to better detection and treatment of the condition.

"The NSW Government has committed \$4.5 million towards the new facility with the Federal Government providing \$10 million."

Ms McKay said the Heart Research Institute is a member of the NSW Cardiovascular Research Network, a joint initiative of the NSW Government and the Heart Foundation NSW.

"The Network will help accelerate cardiovascular research efforts and fast track the translation of research outcomes into cures and therapies.

"It will not only provide access to the latest breakthroughs, treatments, equipment and therapeutic discoveries for the people of NSW, but it will also help to create more jobs for researchers across the State."