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Renovations for Eye Hospital

The State Government will make a substantial amount of money available soon for the renovation and remodelling of the Sydney Eye Hospital on its present site at Woolloomooloo.

THE Government lacks sufficient money to pull the hospital down and rebuild it completely, but it will remodel it substantially.

The grant to be made available by the Government will be added to the amount already collected for this work.

The Government would have had to find \$20 million if it had decided to rebuild the hospital on its present Macquarie Street site.

Instead, the Government will make from \$500,000 to \$750,000 available annually for the next ten years at least to keep the Sydney Hospital operating.

The controversial 1967 plan to transfer Sydney Hospital and its staff to the proposed new \$60 million hospital to be built at Westmead near Parramatta has been dropped.

A Cabinet Sub-committee with the Minister for Education (Mr. Cutler) as chairman has been considering the future of Sydney Hospital for some time.

It is still considering this problem and its report has yet to go to Cabinet.

Att PC @
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← Note re Sydney Hospital.