



Health

Mr Lee Evans MP
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Dear Mr Evans

Thank you for your letter about magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) services at Sutherland Hospital.

As part of the Australian Government's national invitation to apply process, the NSW Government provided MRI priority areas of need, which included St George Hospital and Sutherland Hospital. On 17 April 2019, the Australian Government advised South Eastern Sydney Local Health District that Sutherland Hospital's application for a Medicare eligible MRI licence was not successful.

Mr Tobi Wilson, Chief Executive, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, has advised that the District continues to explore options.

Mr Wilson has further advised that all patients attending Sutherland Hospital are provided with access to appropriate medical imaging. MRI is not provided on site at Sutherland Hospital but the District has well established consultation and referral arrangements that ensure access to the most appropriate and contemporary medical imaging services for all patients.

Mr Wilson has assured me that the medical imaging technology provided at Sutherland Hospital continues to be reviewed to ensure that the services meet the clinical requirements of the hospital's patients.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. If your office would like more information, please contact Ms Valerie Jovanovic, General Manager, Sutherland Hospital, on 9540 7193.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Secretary, NSW Health