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Submission now open: inquiry into the safety and quality of health services provided by Northern Beaches Hospital

The Public Accounts Committee has commenced an inquiry into the safety and quality of health services provided by Northern Beaches Hospital following a referral from the Minister for Health, the Hon. Ryan Park MP.

The Committee will examine the financial statements related to the public health services funded by the Northern Sydney Local Health District and delivered at Northern Beaches Hospital.

The Committee will also examine the safety and quality of health services provided from 30 October 2018 until 13 March 2025, and in particular services provided by the Emergency Department including to vulnerable patients and children.

"I acknowledge that there is strong community interest in this inquiry," said Jason Li, Committee Chair, "and that it's important that Northern Beaches residents have access to safe and quality public health services."

The Committee will consider the number, type and severity of incidents which result in a Serious Adverse Event Review and how the Hospital responds to incidents. The Committee will also consider whether the Hospital's systems, processes and governance arrangements are adequate at preventing these incidents. Broadly, the inquiry will examine the extent to which the private delivery of public health services has impacted quality and effectiveness.

"While we won't be investigating specific incidents, we want to hear your experiences and we encourage you to have your say about how things could be improved," said Jason Li, Committee Chair. "This inquiry is an important step in understanding the standard of care being provided at the Hospital and what changes may need to happen to protect patients, especially the most vulnerable members in our community."

The Committee will also scrutinise how the Hospital implements and supports patient and carer escalation programs, like REACH (Recognise, Engage, Act, Call, Help is on its way) and the adequacy of clinical staffing against relevant standards.

The closing date for submissions is 20 May 2025.

For more information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and information on making a submission, see the Committee's [webpage](#).

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