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## THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL

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I request that the Northern Beaches hospital be made safe through adequate staffing and scheduling of staff on all shifts 24hrs a day. The Emergency department does not have adequate staff, they are always short staffed and the surgical theatres do not have staff on site on weekends or at night on weekends, which means if any of us local residents require immediate, urgent surgery for whatever reason during these times, we need to wait a minimum of 30minutes for theatre staff to travel from their homes and be ready to perform surgery. This is absolutely not an acceptable level of care for northern Beaches residents.

The Northern

beaches is a vast geographical area with many residents who all depend on this hospital for care, and we do not feel safe with this as our current model of care. In an emergency, we would be taken by ambulance to the Northern Beaches hospital, with no choice to go to another, safer hospital. Are we expected to potentially risk our lives due to a poor financial model? Government needs to do better.