

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

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In [REDACTED] my partner became ill with a very rare disease. He was in NB Hospital and was very well cared for there for [REDACTED]. While he was admitted I approached the administration to ask if he can make contributions from his private health fund towards his care. I was told that if they did that he would end up with a huge invoice. He paid for years to a private health fund and NONE of his payments went towards his care.

This is unethical and I feel strongly that he had the capacity to contribute and was basically told not to bother.

I grew up in Canada, and in the Canadian system every person contributes according to their income on a monthly basis. There is one hospital system and it is really good. Nurses and doctors are paid well because every one contributes including the government. I was very impressed with the Canadian Health system, when I last visited.

Having two systems in Australia is wasteful. Healthcare has been commodified which I believe is wrong. I suggest we have one hospital system and all money government and private do into one system.