



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH

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INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL

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An Upper House inquiry has been established to examine the operation and management of Sydney's Northern Beaches Hospital located at Frenchs Forest.

The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC, Chair of the Committee said: "Since its opening in October last year, the new public-private Northern Beaches Hospital has been the subject of much concern in the community. There is strong support right across the Northern Beaches community and beyond for a parliamentary inquiry to look into this new model of running a hospital that services both public and private patients."

Through this inquiry, the committee will examine matters including the contract and other arrangements establishing the hospital, as well as the ongoing arrangements for its operation and maintenance. Other matters to be considered will be the current standards of service provision and care along with staffing arrangements and staffing changes at the hospital.

The Chair continued: "Importantly we will look into the impact of the hospital on surrounding communities and health facilities, particularly Mona Vale Hospital, Manly Hospital and Royal North Shore Hospital. The committee will also examine the merits of public private partnership arrangements for the provision of healthcare."

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community. The closing date for submissions is 28th July 2019 with public hearings to take place later in the year. For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and hearing dates and locations, please visit the committee's [website](#).

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