

24 October 2019

The Director
Portfolio Committee No.2 Health,
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Re: Portfolio Committee No.2 - Health - Northern Beaches Hospital - Post-hearing responses - 23 September 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Portfolio Committee No.2 – Health on 23 September 2019 for its inquiry into the operation and management of the Northern Beaches Hospital.

I have reviewed the transcript and would like to provide the following information in response to a question taken on notice.

In response to the Chair's question regarding complaints from AMA members who operate on or around the northern beaches about issues associated with the failure to provide discharge summaries, I would like to provide this statement:

Upon follow-up with the CEO of Northern Beaches Local Health District, he has confirmed that there is an opt out system, whereby a patient can opt out of having the discharge summary sent to the usual or named GP but otherwise discharge summaries are being sent.

Yours sincerely,

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