



## Joint Select Committee on the Royal North Shore Hospital

1 November 2007

### INQUIRY INTO THE ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

Reverend the Hon Fred Nile MLC, Chairman of the NSW Parliament's Joint Select Committee on the Royal North Shore Hospital, has announced details of the Committee's first hearings.

"The Committee has been established in response to community concerns about patient care at Royal North Shore Hospital. We will be looking at several issues, including clinical management and staffing structures, the operation of the Emergency Department, resource allocation and the effectiveness of complaints handling at the hospital. The Committee will also look at measures to improve the quality of patient care that could benefit other hospitals in New South Wales," Reverend Nile said.

The inquiry will commence with a public hearing on Monday 12 November 2007. Further public hearings are scheduled for Friday 16 and Thursday 22 November 2007.

The Committee will visit Royal North Shore Hospital on Monday 5 November 2007, to meet with hospital staff and executives and to tour the hospital.

The Committee is also calling for submissions addressing the inquiry terms of reference. "We strongly encourage individuals and organisations to participate in the inquiry process by making a submission that addresses the terms of reference," Rev Nile stated. The closing date for submissions is Monday 12 November 2007.

The Joint Select Committee membership is Revd Hon Fred Nile MLC (CDP) (*Chair*), Hon Amanda Fazio MLC (ALP), Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (Nat), Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP (ALP), Mr Michael Daley MP (ALP) Dr Andrew McDonald MP (ALP), Mr Peter Draper MP (Ind) (*Dep Chair*) and Mrs Jillian Skinner MP (Lib).

Information about the Committee's Inquiry, including hearing details, how to make a submission and copies of the terms of reference, are available from the:

- Committee's website: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/royalnorthshorecommittee](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/royalnorthshorecommittee)
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Committee Chair, on (02) 9230 2478.**