

Submission

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INQUIRY INTO THE ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

Name: Mr Raymond Tooby

Parliament of New South Wales.
Joint Select Committee on the Royal North Shore Hospital.

The Director,
Dear Sir or Madam.

I was admitted to the Hornsby Hospital at 0400 hours on the morning of the 23-06-1989 with severe chest pains, later that morning I suffered a heart attack in the hospital under the supervision of the medical staff.
At 1600 hours I was admitted to the hospital I.T.C. ward after spending some 12 hours on a hospital trolley.

In 2 later occasions I was admitted to the Royal North Shore Hospital emergency department with chest pains, on both occasions I was treated with great care and kindness

On the 8th. September 1989 I had an Angioplasty to one artery, this was performed by Dr. A.C. Edwards at the R.N.S.H.

At The Sydney Adventist Hospital I underwent (I thought) a 3 By-pass open heart job, performed by Dr. Alan Gale. Some how the Doctor only did one By-pass and later stated that the other arteries did not require surgery. He was later to be proved wrong. This was on the 17th . March 1992.

I was admitted to the Royal North Shore Hospital on the 27th. October 2004 for a single By-pass and a Mitral valve replacement job. My waiting time for this procedure for this operation was only about 15 weeks. It was classified as "Selective Surgery"
The operation was performed by Dr. Breteton on the 28th October 2004, who used a "fabric valve", this operation was not a success and a further operation was needed on the 31st. October 2004 where a "mechanical valve" was installed in place of the "fabric valve"
This operation was a great success story and I have not had a chest pain since.

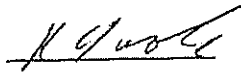
During my stay at the R.N.S.H. I received great care and kindness, the staff were very diligent with my care. I suffered no infection at all. I was in an "induced coma" for 8 days, so had to learn to walk again when I was transferred to Ward 8C.
I cannot speak too highly of the staff of the R.N.S.H. in Ward 8C & the I.T.C. ward.
So rapidly did I recover from the 2 operations I was transferred to the Gosford Hospital on Saturday the 13th. November 2004, going from the R.N.S.H. to Gosford was a huge change, however I was discharged from Gosford on the 21st. November 2004.

Now I support the R.N.S.H. with donations when they request them because I am so grateful. I also support and have supported the North Shore Heart Foundation since 1990

I have visited the R.N.S.H. at times (not on medical grounds) and believe that, the hospital is a good hospital that is being over-run by people wanting care. We have a number of friends on the North Shore of Sydney who have private health cover, however they prefer going to the R.N.S.H. in-lieu of their G.P. And because private hospitals do not (most do not) provide emergency treatment.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. G. ...".