

Submission

No 59

INQUIRY INTO THE ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

Name: Mr Robert Neville

Monday, 12 November 2007

Attention: Beverley Duffy
Joint Select Committee –
Royal North Shore Hospital
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Please accept this document as a late submission into the enquiry regarding Royal North Shore Hospital. Reason for delay: I am 18 years old and have just completed my HSC.

I was employed by Drake International Pty Ltd on 03/11/2007 and 04/11/2007 (Saturday and Sunday) as a Contract Cleaner to clean Royal North Shore Hospital.

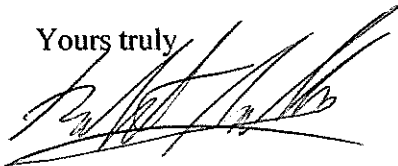
Apparently on Friday evening, 02/11/2007 my mother was told by Drake International that I was definitely not cleaning at Royal North Shore Hospital but rather to “move boxes and files from one department to the Environmental section at Royal North Shore Hospital”. My mother was concerned as I am highly allergic to mould substance. However, the person at Drake reassured my mother that I was not going to be cleaning.

This was not the case as I cleaned every floor in the hospital from top to bottom on both days. There were a total of 60 cleaners employed by Drake.

I was told I would be earning \$35.00 per hour on Sunday and \$25.00 per hour on Saturday. However, I was only paid \$30.00 per hour on the Sunday. Saturday I worked 10 hours and Sunday nine hours. I have just finished my HSC and am saving up for “schoolies” and therefore need the money.

The conditions at Royal North Shore Hospital are really filthy and things will not improve unless the hospital is kept clean all the time and not just by employing contract cleaners on a one-off basis.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Neville', written over a horizontal line.

ROBERT NEVILLE.