

**INQUIRY INTO OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF
THE NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL**

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My husband died last year from cancer. If it had not been for the availability of services of Monavale hospital being within a half hours drive I would have definitely lost him earlier in his illness. I have rheumatoid and driving sometimes proves difficult, which means the distance to travel to the new hospital would have proved very difficult with his seizures and safety. I've also been the main driver now for my son who broke his elbow and could not drive to appointments at the new hospital as there is a problem with the public transport to and from, as well as buses traveling to his work. It is isolated. Now we have a new baby due and I am so worried about driving safely to maternity as there are often traffic problems and sometimes flooding on the Wakehurst Parkway. It will be a very long dash indeed.