

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

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this in response to the Northern Beaches Hospital parliamentary enquiry. I'm not 100% sure of the date but I drove to the northern Beaches hospital on a Sunday night - Late in May - possibly the 26th. We arrived at approximately 10:30pm. I asked for a wheelchair and brought him into emergency, we were seen promptly by the triage nurse. After assessment the nurse asked us to wait in the waiting room. After an hour or so I spoke with the nurse and she said she suspected he had a broken hip. This made sense as he had fallen quite heavily in the morning. I left in the waiting room at around 2am and went home to sleep as I was working in the morning. I spoke to later in the day on Monday. He said he was left sitting in a wheelchair overnight and wasn't seen by a doctor until 5am. They then gave him a dose of a strong analgesia, X-rayed his hip (no fracture), he saw a physio and then was discharged home with no strong pain relief to an apartment with stairs. Given he was quite incapacitated by the pain I feel that the hospital didn't give him care he required.

I don't believe this is a good enough service. He was sat in a wheelchair overnight with a suspected broken hip with no pain control for at least 6 1/2 hours.

Jason Smith