

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

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Please, please, please refurbish and maintain Mona Vale Hospital as a public hospital.

This hospital is vital to the northern beaches community that it has serviced so well for many decades.

The local schools are all experiencing record enrolments, meaning that there are record numbers of little children needing A&E visits for childhood accidents and illnesses. Currently many children are sent hours away to the western suburbs for treatment.

Lots of employed local residents are tradesmen who are well known to have work related accidents.

Then consider a lifestyle spent near and on the water, both working and recreational, plus sporting activities like cycling, mountain biking, bush walking, abseiling, horse riding and rock fishing among others. Lots of potential for accidents there.

As well, the population has an ageing demographic the further north one goes. These older people need easy, swift access to hospital services. The elderly also need suitable ways to visit loved ones. One journey requiring two and three buses is not the way.

NBH is not a viable replacement. It is just too distant, with inadequate road access, particularly in busy periods. There is inadequate public transport.

It also appears that NBH is not providing a reliable service to public patients.

I understand that the current hospital land was granted to the government for the express purpose of providing a local hospital. Demolition and replacement with a few new buildings for private specialist services does not constitute a proper emergency hospital.

Finally, the apparent decision to demolish the Mona Vale Hospital buildings, without having the grace to wait for the conclusions of a parliamentary inquiry, is a most unfortunate show of hubris on the part of the government.

Please reinstate Mona Vale as a Level 3 institution - at least.

From a very unhappy local constituent.