

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

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Having lived in this area for over 34 years I am extremely disappointed and angry that this long awaited Level 5 hospital, which should have added value and amenity to all northern beaches residents, has turned out to be such a poorly run, under funded and under resourced facility. Until we have a fully funded public hospital, without the need to return a profit for the shareholders, there will be continual cost cutting, poor health outcomes and dissatisfied professional staff at this facility. I am astounded that many patients have to be transported to other hospitals due to lack of medical equipment and specialists and on occasions turned away only to seek life saving treatment at another hospital. This is of great concern to all northern beaches residents who are unfortunately in this hospital's catchment area. This business model is an abject failure and can never deliver whilst the private sector agenda is involved to turn healthcare into a profit. The Minister for Health Brad Hazard has been the most "do nothing" Minister of all time and has said nothing to assuage the dwindling confidence residents have. Northern Beaches residents deserve better than this, We have been waiting for years and have been short changed yet again.