

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

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## Submission to the Operation and management of the Northern Beaches Hospital

I feel passionately that Mona Vale hospital should remain open – particularly the emergency department.

I live in Avalon and the travel time to the Northern Beaches Hospital or facilities in Manly is in my opinion too long. This is particularly the case in bad weather events when the Wakehurst Parkway and Barrenjoey road at Collaroy flood and/or are closed.

I have lived on the Northern Beaches my entire life and have visited Mona Vale hospital in times of emergency numerous times for myself and accompanying friends and family.

Years ago when my baby brother was bitten by a funnel web spider – he may not have survived if we needed to drive to Manly or Frenchs Forrest.

The current level of care being provided at Mona Vale hospital is unacceptable. The emergency section is understaffed and the few staff that are there are operating in terrible conditions. I was there in April with my partner who had split his head open. When we were finally processed, there was patients crowded in the room who was placed in. There were not enough beds so one patient was in a wheelchair. When I went back to the waiting room the blood from my partners head that had dripped to the floor was still there. In another corner of the waiting room I noticed more old, dried blood. This experience is like being in a third world country.

Please keep the hospital open. If you don't, it won't be long until lives are on your hands.

Kind regards.