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

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The northern beaches hospital has been a prime example of what happens when money is the bottom line in health, corner cutting skimping, and a provision of a services no where near up to the level they committed to but also no where near the level we as a community deserve and are paying for.

We still cant see the contract (between the government and the health-scope or now the off shore Canadian company) even though we the people are paying this is super suspicions and i as do many believe that rob stokes and brad hazard know that if it was public and we could simply highlight the areas were the hospital is failing to meets its contractual obligations we would finally a right to demand action instead of their ridiculous excuses and lies and the service.

The secret nature of this whole thing stinks of corruption and cover-ups for self interests. The nurses union told them they would not have enough staff to open and operate at capacity but they ignored their warnings opened anyway and now have huge turnover of staff and still are not staffed in a way the allows the hospital to operate as it was agreed it would.

Key Concerns

-How can we be sure of the services we are paying for as public people if we cant access the records that are available from all public hospitals?

-How can we judge or evaluate the success or short comings of a system if we can't see the contract detailing what services they have committed to providing

-I and many people believe and have seen clear evidence that this new hospital from day one has been overwhelmed and still under prepared for future growth.

As a result it has put more and more pressure on the other regional hospitals at royal north shore and randwick.

The hospital was opened with zero foresight into the rapidly expanding population of the area and the new pool of patients it would attract given its location.

We had 2 hospitals servicing the northern beaches and now we have 1 to replace them. This would keep up with demand if there was no more growth on the beaches and if it was operating with peak efficiency to provide the public health care services we were promised.

However the population has grown dramatically and the inglesie development is looming and other development proposals around the hospital sight coupled with the natural growth rate of our continuity means the hospital is already inadequate it also functions at only a mild percentage of the promised capacity we are in even more trouble now and in the coming years

We need this hospital to function effectively with reasonable wait times and proper out comes for public patience accessing all services they had in our old hospitals, not only private patients.

We also need the government to stop the pretending and recognise that this hospital could never and will never be able to cope with the growing demand of the northern beaches, and can only be part of a holistic public health-care plan for the region including and that we need to reintroduce services to the Mona Vale Hospital site.

We had enough need for it in 1960's when it was opened and we have grown hugely in numbers tax paying residences since this time yet infrastructure is being close down rather than upgraded as a support hospital helping relieve the stress on the already failing private public partnership up the road

The new hospital cannot be examined alone but needs to be seen as one failing part of an overwhelming public hospital shortage on the northern beaches of Sydney

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Regards,

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