

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

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As a resident living in North Avalon I am very disappointed at the closure of Mona Vale Hospital as we know it. what consideration has been given to the huge population that resides north of the Narrabeen bridge ?

When my children were very young it was reassuring to know I could get to Mona Vale quickly especially as my son had severe asthma.

The distance to travel now to the new Northern Beaches Hospital is too far away from the residents north of the Northern Beaches.

Over the past few years there have been many retirement villages built (as well as Nursing Homes in the area) - there is a huge ageing population here - this has obviously not been considered at all- this fact alone is unbelievable.

Previously we've been told Mona Vale Hospital would not be demolished and now it seems this is totally untrue.

Yes it is great to see some new buildings like Palliative Care etc being built (although 10 beds seems quite inadequate to me)

There is already a very high quality day care surgery in Mona Vale so another one is not necessary (I've heard one is being considered in the grounds of Mona Vale Hospital)

To travel to the new hospital in an emergency is just too far away for the residents in the north of the Northern Beaches- don't even mention the often flooding of the Wakehurst Parkway.

Please do not demolish the whole building - the mention of asbestos is rubbish as a few years ago the Maternity ward (which contained asbestos) was totally refurbished ! At great cost - and residents were told repeatedly that the hospital would not close down !

Please give us our public hospital back !

The new hospital is meant to be a public/private facility however no public patients can be accommodated as 'public' in the maternity ward as there is no staff to facilitate this - all patients are admitted in to the private rooms! This hospital is bleeding money daily because of poor management. When patients are admitted to Emergency they are ' heavily coerced ' into being admitted as Private Patients if they have adequate insurance !

Please give Mona Vale Hospital back to the residents of northern end of the peninsular..