

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

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When it was discussed that the Northern Beaches needed a 3rd hospital , we need a 3rd hospital to cope with the increase population and This was prior to the Warriewood Valley release and Dee Why unit population growth.

The 3rd hospital was to supplement the other 2 hospitals Mona Vale and Manly Hospital. This was until Mike Baird did a dodgy deal with private enterprise which obviously included giving them the monopoly of health care on the Northern Beaches and also prime real estate where Mona Vale Hospital stands.

Back when Mona Vale Hospital celebrated its 50th Birthday , MP Rob Stokes stood up on stage and said how wonderful the hospital was and what a great asset the hospital was and he looked forward to many many more birthdays for Mona Vale Hospital. When Kristena Kearnelly closed the Maternity ward at Mona Vale hospital, Again Rob Stokes stood up for the people of Pittwater and reopened the Maternity ward when the Liberal got back into power. Then all of a sudden , His best mate Mike Baird told Rob Stokes that he had done a deal and that Mona Vale Hospital need to close due to the poor building structures. There are many other hospitals similar to Mona Vale Hospital era that are still standing. They claim it has asbestos but so do a lot of other hospitals and Mona Vale got rid of it on the Maternity ward. Building Experts have said that there is nothing wrong with the building structure and it Is just excuses.

As the population grows we have less hospitals beds than before. We had 500 beds , then at the Northern beaches hospital was to offer 488 beds which was a loss of 12 beds and Now we only have 288 beds , then due to the location not only does the NBH service the Northern Beaches , it now services 1/2 of the North Shore now too.

Rob Stokes has ignored the people of Pittwater , when he was asked who made these decision that the Northern Beaches hospitals was the best place for the people of Pittwater he said doctors but he never ever named these doctors even though he was asked on numerous occasion. He ignored peoples concerns about the Wakehurst parkway being the main direct route to get there, that it is a single lane road that is often congested and closed to flooding. Since opening in October the road has been closed on at least 6 occasion due to the road be flooded and on 2 occasions at least due to accidents. Rob Stokes answer to this is an ambulance will get you there, or a helicopter . In bad weather when the road maybe closed a helicopter may not be able to fly. It is well known that there is issues with ambulance across NSW and at time all the ambulances on the Northern Beaches are assigned to other parts of Sydney.

he suffered a heart attack. He was collected by ambulance and by the time he go to the new NBH some 25 minutes away without traffic he was pronounced dead. Had Mona Vale Hospital been opened it would of only been minutes to receive professional care and he may still be alive.

Why was the hospital not built as a level 6 , I would assume as this is not profitable for a private company. So if you suffer a heart attack , Stroke or Major head trauma you need to go to Royal North Shore Hospital to be treated . In these incidents minutes count and you are looking at close to an hour to travel from Palm Beach to RNS at St Leonards.

The closure of Mona Vale hospital will lead to increase death north Narrabeen.

The new Northern Beaches hospital had a separate ED unit build for patient with severe mental health patients / violent patients, but this section of the hospital has never been used due to the hospital inability to employee the required amount of staff. So currently pysch and violent patients now wait in the same ED as standard patients.

When the hospital first open they changes the operating times for specialist without consultation which lead to extra work for specialist have to change all their patient appointments and operation times. Specialist that have worked on the Northern Beaches have found they are receiving many new patients based on the North Shore. In one week a specialist received 4 new patients all based on the North Shore.