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

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The apparent withdrawal of all hospital services from Mona Vale Hospital site has stirred on-going complaints from numerous residents, so the Government has to answer if there's any basis for these complaints. The answer must surely be that when a life is lost or compromised by the absence of emergency services the decision to withdraw all services was a wrong one. It would seem only a matter of time before this happens. The Government's only basis for refusing to provide emergency services there is that the cost is not justified. This is a difficult argument to have as the information resides with government. But basic logic would suggest that emergency services provided in Mona Vale would reduce the need at Frenchs Forest. One of state governments' primary roles is the maintenance and promotion of the health of its citizens. The cynical consistently point to the government's ability to find funding for borderline projects while ignoring a basic need = health.

Surely a well organised and properly planned emergency service is worth the price if it saves and enhances lives. Designing it so it coordinates with Frenchs Forest would make sense.

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