

**Submission
No 66**

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

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You took, a public hospital from us and replaced with a private hospital, it's irrelevant that public patients are able to go.

The parking prices are exhorbitant. 15 minutes free parking. This isn't long enough to park, collect your patient (after an aenesthetic, you are unable to leave them) and take the patient back to the car. The first duty of care is now being ignored. The patient leaves with the carer. The carer leaves the patient at the front door to get the car (the 15 minutes has now expired) and drives to collect the patient.

I believe there is discount parking. Sorry not good enough. What happens when the private hospital get greedy? Medicare has to pay, then there are needless cut backs due to servicing the private investors.

Last week I had to drive past Mona Vale hospital to the new northern beaches hospital as I thought my husband was having a heart attack. Thankfully he wasn't. But it could have been a different story..... Dead on arrival, not the hospitals fault - I agree. But if anything serious happens to my family, because I had to drive past a public hospital or even an ambulance drives past a former public hospital. Rest assured I will not be a grieving QUIET widow.