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

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To Whom This May Concern

It is with great concern that I write to express my disappointment at the closing of Mona Vale Hospital.

This hospital is a much needed facility on the Northern Beaches. On a Peninsula that has one lane roads, Mona Vale Hospital is a welcome relief for those that live off-shore on Scotland Island, Elvina Bay, Lovett Bay or further North in Avalon or Palm Beach.

Mona Vale Hospital was also near many of the nursing homes and retirement villages, the skate park, recreational parks, boating facilities and the beaches. In times of crisis, Mona Vale Hospital was within reasonable distance to obtain life saving care.

I have myself had my life saved in Mona Vale Hospital when I was hit by a drunk driver on a pedestrian crossing. I was 6 years old. Without Mona Vale I would not be here. I would be dead. I would not have married or had my beautiful children. If I had to travel another 20 minutes I would not have survived.

We have an increasing population on the Northern Beaches and it just does not make sense to take away Public Facilities.

Too old: Mona Vale Hospital is not an old building when compared to the Hospitals in the city that are over 100 years old.

Asbestos concerns: Mona Vale hospital is taken apart or refurbished there are still asbestos issues to deal with.

Intake and catchment: The new Northern Beaches hospital is taking a lot of heat from North Shore, but the catchment area is greater.

Inexperience: The Managing company is not experienced to deal with Public Health. Tax payers built this new hospital, but it is run by an overseas company. We need both hospitals...

My experiences up at the new hospital were:

My mother having heart fibrillation. She was admitted into emergency but was there for over 11 hours with no offer of a drink or anything to eat. The nurses were absolutely overloaded and run off their feet. My mother is 86 and was left for long periods of time.

My son recently visited the hospital whereby bloods were taken in the waiting room from patients and within clear sight of all.

And parking is ridiculous. When people are visiting their family and friends (which clearly aids recovery), they should not be charged ridiculous rates for parking.

The residents of the peninsula need Mona Vale and the Northern Beaches Hospital. It is really criminal to take this facility away. We have one lane roads that either flood or are blocked during peak hour and lives will be lost. It is paramount that Mona Vale reopens.

Please consider the needs of the people of the Northern Beaches.