

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

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It is imperative that Mona Vale Hospital remain operational (no pun intended.) As a resident of Avalon for 44 years it has saved two of our family's members lives because it was so close. Northern Beaches Hospital, which seems to be getting worse every day and less able to cope with so many medical emergencies, is not an option for us who have been served faithfully and satisfactorily by Mona Vale Hospital all this time. There are more residents in the area now, especially older people who are more likely to need medical help in a hurry. AND remember, Bondi is closer to Northern Beaches Hospital than we are and would they travel so far....no way...they have a number of hospitals closer to home so why shouldn't we. We have been told on numerous occasions that emergency and obstetric services would be retained but it all seems to be falling apart. The land is valuable, but remember, it was GIVEN to Pittwater as a hospital site and it would be criminal to take the services we all need away. I note also that the ambulance station at Avalon is "just a parking area" and one had to come from Liverpool to our area recently to transport a patient in great pain to Northern Beaches Hospital only to then to be sent home after three days, still in great pain, because the hospital refused to keep her any longer - where is the care there?? In Mona Vale, the patient would probably have been transferred to rehab and given constant care while required.

You may use my name if you wish. I will do anything to save Mona Vale Hospital - I even said I would lie in front of the bulldozers which were to pull down the building...what a waste of a building.