

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

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One of my 8 year old twins has been diagnosed with ADD and learning disabilities. His doctor was located at Mona vale hospital and we were able to see her monthly to treat and track his progress. We have decided to medicate and have been very happy with the progress he has made. I recently tried to make an appointment with our doctor to discuss my sons weight loss and refer to a craniofacial specialist only to be told that the wait time for a public appointment is now 7 months and I can't get in until February as a public patient. And that when I finally do get an appointment there is no way to actually get to the hospital from Newport without a car. I do not have the means to pay for the appointments as I already pay for all his therapy's, speech, learning support and medication with very little back from Medicare. I would like to know who decided to close 2 public hospitals and replace it with half a hospital for a far larger area.