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

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Dear Committee,

As the wife of a local ambulance officer, I see the desperate need to retain the Mona Vale hospital as a fully operational working trauma hospital which the community can easily access by public transport. The nearest trauma hospital is Royal North Shore.

Our population on the Peninsular continues to grow and the number of ambulances covering the area are stretched with many of our local ambulances being sent further away to other areas. If Northern Beaches hospital cannot treat children they will have to be transferred to Randwick or Westmead quite a distance for families to travel. The Northern Beaches hospital is not easily accessed by public transport and I had to collect an elderly friend who was unable to get back to Mona Vale after treatment. We need more hospitals not less and the Mona Vale hospital site is the perfect site to build an extra modern hospital for the community.