

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

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I have requested figures from the Health Minister as to how many public and how many private beds were provided by Mona Vale and Manly Hospitals and how many are provided by the new Northern Beaches Hospital. His reply merely tells me that the new hospital has 488 beds, nearly 200 more beds than Manly and Mona Vale Hospitals combined. I am still awaiting the figures as to how many are public and how many are private.

The approximate population of the Northern Beaches local government area is 268,000 but I am not sure if this is the total area served by the new hospital.

A 14 year old schoolgirl was injured on 23rd July 2019 near the junction of Waringah Road and Forest Way and was not taken to the NBH which is minutes away. Is this hospital so inadequate that it cannot treat a life or death situation? Surely time is of the essence in situations such as this.

The Mona Vale Hospital campus provides various facilities although I note that, even though it covers a substantial area, I am led to believe the beds in each section are limited to 10 which would appear to be inadequate.

One of the facilities at Mona Vale Campus is a public dental care unit. This unit has a lengthy waiting list, sometimes over a year for non urgent cases. I note that when it first opened it was open every week day although they then began closing every alternate Friday. This unit now only opens Monday to Thursday every week. Is this merely cost cutting as the waiting lists continue?

I believe it is our basic Human Right for all residents of the Northern Beaches to have adequate and effective medical care and this issue needs to be addressed urgently.

I agree that this submission may be published in full with my name supplied as I feel most strongly that our pleas for help are being ignored.

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