

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

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- *At n.b.h. there is a waste of space with two empty atriums in the middle of the hospital.
- *when opened n.b.h. had lots of expensive flowers but not enough trained staff, medicines or bandages.
- *When we have floods on Wakehurst Parkway the hospital is inaccessible, when we have fires on Wakehurst Parkway the hospital is inaccessible and when there is an accident on Wakehurst Parkway the hospital is inaccessible. This has happened on a number of occasions since the hospital opened.
- *We have had constant reports of dangerous mishaps at n.b.h. which have put people's lives at stake.
- *When the n.b.h. was put in its present site the planning completely misunderstood its catchment area.
- *m.v.h. was a functioning unit but had been let run down by the gov. It is the gov. fault for the present state of m.v.h.
- *People on the northern beaches fought for the establishment of m.v.h. and deserve to have it maintained.
- *It takes less time for people from Hornsby to get to n.b.h. than it does for people from the western foreshores of Pittwater and the northern tip of Barrenjoey Peninsular.
- *Other areas of Sydney have fully functioning hospitals in closer proximity than m.v.h. to n.b.h.
- *In figures released by the Dep. of Health, people from the northern beaches will die trying to get to nbh due to the extra time taken to get to a hospital.
- *To say that people from the northern beaches should self diagnose which facility to go to ie. n.b.h. or m.v.h. is absurd.
- *To put more ambulances at m.v.h. means the gov. is closing down the ambulance at Avalon. Why was the station put there in the first place?