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

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Submission to the Inquiry into the operation and management of the Northern Beaches Hospital

I have lived in Avalon since 1970 and have always appreciated the proximity of our local hospital. That has now all changed. I am now eighty years old and am greatly concerned by the fact that despite the promises Rob Stokes made to be elected, namely that Mona Vale Hospital would not close, we have lost our crucial Emergency Department.

Northern Beaches Hospital is a long way from Avalon and not easily accessible by car and virtually impossible by bus, unlike Mona Vale Hospital. It is unacceptable that the government has deprived the increasing population on the northern beaches of a fully functioning public hospital. The private/public hospital at Frenchs Forest is obviously focussed on profits and that is a great concern for many aging people like me. Mona Vale Hospital must be reopened as a Level 3 hospital with acute services including Emergency. It is the very least that we deserve on the northern beaches.

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