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

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To Whom it may concern,

As an eighty one year old Mona Vale resident living alone, I dread the day I could need urgent hospital care. No doubt the day will come.

The thought of having to go to Northern Beaches Hospital terrifies me, as I've heard and read of so many unfortunate cases and waiting times at the NBH.

When that time arrives it will be so unnecessary, inconvenient and the short stays forced upon patients is appalling.

When the land was bequeathed to the Salvation Army in 1900, and then resumed by the then Labor Government in 1955 for the construction of a hospital for the Northern Beaches residents which opened in 1964, everyone was overjoyed. There was enough land there to extend the hospital as the population increased – which was the original plan. It was the perfect solution for the growing Northern Beaches population, as the area became more and more popular.

If Dr. Stephen Christley had big ideas of a new hospital at Frenchs Forest, he could have proceeded with his plans, had NBH built, and still extended the existing and most popular Mona Vale Hospital. For the GMCTF to have the audacity to want to close Mona Vale is criminal!

We, the local people will do everything in our power to retain our local hospital – after all it's OUR hospital, not some Government Department's hospital.

I hope somebody reads this and wakes up !!!!