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

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I live in North Avalon and am very concerned at the apparent plans to close Mona Vale Hospital. I think it is abundantly obvious that NBH is too far from the northern parts of the northern beaches to provide effective emergency services. This bad decision will obviously lead to unnecessary loss of life if it has not already. This will be on the head of those that supported the highly questionable decisions that have lead to this sorry state of affairs.

Also I don't believe the public private model is a good one and it seems this is being borne out in practice at NBH. So many horror stories have I heard from those unfortunate enough to have attended the new hospital, it is not funny.

Meanwhile the government withholds information and goes back on it's promises. This is no way to run public health. It smacks of corruption and self interest. Please conduct a thorough examination and take steps to rectify the situation and hold those responsible to account.