

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

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To the Committee

I was admitted to NBH by ambulance to ED before the hospital was opened. The staff were very attentive and kept me informed whilst there. After life saving operation that night I was taken to level 5 wards and totally looked after by all staff and doctors for the total of my stay. What I did pickup on was the addmin side not the nursing staff that seemed out of their depth with a lot of things either running out or just short of.

Again I had the need to visit the NBH in March as a private patient,(15 days) I could not fault the nursing staff in ICU (4 days) then in the ward on level 5 post op again I could not fault the staff on the floor or visiting doctors. But it (hospital) was running smoother with more nursing staff on the floor but still short handed. I'm sure things will only get better in the future.

However I would have liked to see the government run the whole hospital public and private as one entity. To me the main problem lies with Healthscope not fully antisipating the scope of work needed to be done to open a new hospital.

Thankyou.

Regards Neil