

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

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I personally have no experience regarding the functionality of the Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) however I do have multiple experiences of the necessity for a functioning hospital with an Emergency and Maternity Departments to be available at the Mona Vale Hospital location. I was born at Mona Vale Hospital and have been lucky enough to raise my family in the same suburb of Avalon that I grow up in, and with my family came the responsibility and necessity of having a fully-functioning hospital within close proximity to our home to ensure an adequate and appropriate level of medical care and assistance, as all of my children's labours were very fast and I barely made it to Mona Vale Hospital in time for the birth of my children, and thankfully was extremely grateful to have an appropriate place to go for these occasions.

Also, just on the fundamentals of living in an area with both high populations of both young and elderly people, as well as the locations being close to our beautiful natural environment with the ocean and the National Reserves it seems negligent to say the least that our medical facilities do not appropriately accommodate the needs of both the community and the activities that are on offer in the area in which we live.

The unrelenting pressure that is being put upon the Paramedic Services in our area with the responsibility of attempting to ensure safe and timely arrivals to a medical facility (NBH) that can appropriately offer the necessary services for the illnesses and accidents that occur in our local community based upon our environment and multi-generational populations, that takes a minimum of 30 mins from time of departure from Avalon without traffic congestion or flooding restrictions seems ridiculous and irresponsible. There is a definite necessity for the Mona Vale Hospital to remain open and functioning at a level that can adequately accommodate the needs of it's local community, and it is reckless and negligent of the NSW and National Government to show such disregard for the needs of it's people to allow such a volitional situation to have arisen, and it needs to be rectified immediately!