

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

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The Director,
Portfolio Committee No 2 - Health,
Parliament House,
Macquarie Street,
Sydney. NSW 2000

Dear Sirs/Ladies,

RE: NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL ENQUIRY

I have visited the NBH twice since it opened, the first visit I took my daughter after she had had a fall and it was only a few days after NBH opened. The Urgent Care Centre at Mona Vale Hospital said my daughter needed a scan (they didn't have the capability at the time of performing this scan) and that I would have to attend the NBH for this. I drove to the NBH and the waiting time was horrendous. The nurse suggested that as my daughter needed to have a scan I should go to the medical centre at NBH. At the Medical Centre I was told the cost would be \$80 but, fortunately, the doctor took this up on my daughter's behalf (my daughter has Down Syndrome) and that was reversed but we were there for over 6 hours waiting.

I can't understand why the government shut a well functioning local hospital. There is no doubt that some residents will pass away because of the distance between Pittwater and the NBH (particularly considering the flooding that happens on the Wakehurst Parkway)

Please reinstate Mona Vale Hospital as a fully functioning hospital.