

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

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I wish to make the following submissions following the closure of many vital services at Mona Vale Hospital:-

1. The distance to Northern Beaches Hospital is of great concern to many people on the northern beaches, particularly during peak hour traffic on Wakehurst Parkway.
2. Private patients have priority over public patients. Healthscope is a for-profit company, hence profits are very important to that company, more important than adequate numbers of qualified people and supplies necessary in the running of this hospital. The liaison between Northern Beaches Hospital and other hospitals and doctors is very poor. The blame can no longer be given to "teething problems".

I therefore ask the NSW Government to upgrade Mona Vale Hospital and return the acute care services and many other services we lost.