

INQUIRY INTO OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL

Organisation: Friends of Mona Vale Hospital

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**SUBMISSION RELATING TO THE INQUIRY ON THE OPERATION AND
MANAGEMENT OF THE NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL.**

FIRE SAFETY

- 1) In 2017 a GIPA Request was made to the Department of Health for the 'Fire Safety Report' for the new Northern beaches Hospital.
- 2) The initial concern was with the flammability of the metal cladding.
- 3) This submission is based on the following documents:-
 - (a) GIPA Response (Appendix A)
<https://northernbeachesalliance.weebly.com/northern-beaches-hospital-ndash-gipa-ndash-fire-engineer-report-ndash-open-fire-stairs-and-external-cladding.html>
 - (b) The Fire & Rescue 21 Concerns (Appendix B)
<https://northernbeachesalliance.weebly.com/northern-beaches-hospital---fire-safety-report.html>
 - (c) The Fire & Rescue NSW Response (Appendix C)
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Bdwxyzd3dSSVG9Mvtn0nletEc55jZtoM>
 - (d) The Fire Engineering Report (Appendix D)
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1u92ZzqH3DWcwiPNtR8VcaAPz5_3Jg5C-
 - (e) The Metal Cladding Statement (Appendix E)
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Ppn0j7y4wrQOwZBSYo1LaQa5eIjOmAln>
 - (f) Email Correspondence of Concern with NSW Fire and Rescue (Appendix F)
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1LyyLtCzUVIcbw8MvHXfoNVKQ6S-8hRM0>
- 4) The Metal Cladding Statement indicates the cladding to be steel, with aluminium around the windows. However, there is no identification of the insulating foam, (if present) and it's flammable qualities.
- 5) The Fire & Rescue NSW Response raised 21 concerns.

- 6) The Fire Engineering Report replied to these concerns.
- 7) Under the present approval process, the Fire Brigade are unable to critic the Fire Engineer Report. This is a major flaw in the Approval Process, signed off by the Private Certifier.
- 8) Friends of Mona Vale Hospital contacted then wrote to the Fire Brigade with further concerns, but there has been no reply now in over 7 months (Appendix F).
- 9) Those further concerns include the metal cladding, the open fire stairs and the use of a single ignition point only for the Fire Engineer's Studies.
- 10) The Northern Beaches Hospital is a major Public Asset and must be Fire Safe.
- 11) The Northern Beaches Hospital Inquiry is requested to investigate the Fire Safety Issues raised to assure the Public the hospital meets all regulations for Fire Safety.
- 12) Friends of Mona Vale Hospital now having raised this serious oversight issue with the Inquiry, leave the responsibility of this matter with you for your immediate investigation.
- 13) The full Northern Beaches Hospital Fire Safety Report can be downloaded at:-
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kEwveu9Ar9Vr0E-TS3OiCCGFlqcCpnf1/view>

We look forward to a reply.

Yours Faithfully
Hon. Sec. Phil Walker
Friends of Mona Vale Hospital