

**Submission
No 234**

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

Name: Mr Donald Creed

Date Received: 30 August 2019

Dear Sir/madam,

Re Inquiry into Operations and Management of the Northern Beaches Hospital.

I was interstate when submissions were called for this inquiry and hope that this submission can be included in the inquiry.

For just on a year, I have been corresponding with my local member Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP for Davidson on the inadequacy of the Northern Beaches Hospital by it being unable to perform Thrombolytic Therapy in the treatment of strokes. Following is part of one of my emails which I would like to be considered by the inquiry. The result of my correspondence was that Thrombolytic Therapy would only be done at Royal North Shore Hospital which is very disappointing to say the least.

"I have Googled this timing issue and it seems that Therapy should start within 30 minutes from arrival at hospital but overall should begin within 3 hours of first symptoms. Therefore assuming a patient is first taken to NBH for diagnosis, then transported to RNS, checked for suitability for Thrombolytic Therapy, then injected, the time lost due to the inter hospital transfer could impinge on the 3 hour optimum.

With the Northern Beaches population growth and subsequent traffic congestion, it seems odd that with a new level 5 hospital, that the opportunity to provide high level treatment that could save lives or prevent paralysis, has not been facilitated regardless of Mona Vale or Manly hospital's capabilities.

If both these hospitals currently lack these facilities then it must mean that stroke/heart patients have a higher probability of disastrous consequences from the effects of stroke or heart attack. I live less than 2km from NBH and about 2km from an ambulance station and I (or my wife) do not want to run the risk of becoming a vegetable when there is a level 5 hospital just up the road. In this day and age I believe Northern Beaches residents deserve better."

Thank you for considering this submission, I apologise for not being able to meet the submission deadline.

Regards,
Donald Creed