INQUIRY INTO OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL

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I would like to bring to the attention of Committee the appalling choice of location of the New Northern Beaches Hospital.

The pretence by the concurrent Liberal Governments that the location of the new Hospital equips it to service the far Northern Beaches into the future is false.

The Liberal governments policy of forcibly increasing urban density in all of Sydney's communities is having an impact eg warriewood valley ,an in the future more density in Newport and Avalon.

Add to this the upgrading of Mona Vale Rd from top Ryde to the beach increasing traffic flows in both directions especially on weekends.

The building of the second harbour tunnel connecting the inner west with the far Northern Beaches will leverage even more development in a geographically challenged area.

At present the main arterial Rd to the New Hospital wakehurst Parkway is not floodproofed and is prone to accidents eg a recent motor cycle accident which shut the Rd for hours and thus causes gridlock on Pittwater Rd the alternative route.

The bottom line was that MonaVale Hospital was built in the right place by people with for site to future needs, unlike the current Liberal Governants that won't admit they've got it horribly wrong.

My solution upgrade Mona Vale Hospital now! otherwise you end up like the transportation mess in the northwest allow people to build out there and build the public infrastructure 10 years to late. The Northern Beaches needs both Hospitals as the new hospital is only part public.

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