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DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS & APPROVALS DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE

I oppose the State Significant Infrastructure Application No 5982 for a 10-storey Northern Beaches Hospital concept proposal and destruction of endangered forest:

1) DESTRUCTION OF LOCAL AMENITY.

- 10-storey building with overshadowing
- Eyesore on hilltop location
- Loss of bushland and its air cleaning function
- Air pollution from increased traffic
- Noise pollution from helicopters, ambulances and cars
- Overflow parking in residential streets
- Light pollution at night

2) TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS

- Wakehurst Parkway and Warringah Road already at or beyond capacity
- Wakehurst Parkway can be closed by flooding
- Intersection at hospital site gridlocked every day
- Population growth on Northern Beaches (e.g Warriewood) will increase problems
- Substantial additional traffic (expert's estimate 10,000 per day): ambulances, staff, patients, visitors, suppliers, waste disposal...etc.
- No public transport planned

3) ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Destruction of irreplaceable wildlife corridors between Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment and (a) Manly Dam (b) Forestville Park (Garigal National Park)
- Destruction of the largest southern stand of endangered Duffy's Forest Ecological Community, with unique diversity of flora
- Loss of habitat for wildlife, e.g. swamp wallabies, sugar gliders, powerful owls
- 'Environmental Offsets': destruction of one unique area of native forest and wildlife cannot be remedied by preserving bushland in another unconnected location

4) HEALTH SERVICES DISTRIBUTION

- Provision of public beds insufficient
- Private hospitals focus on profits, not provision of health care for all
- Centralising for administrative convenience does not provide health care where needed
- Loss of existing public community hospitals at Mona Vale and Manly
- Proximity of new 10-storey hospital to newly rebuilt Royal North Shore Hospital (duplication of services)

We have to work hard everyday so we need quiet when we come back home. The new hospital opposite our house and this area will be a ambulance parking and mental treatment. Do you like live in area same like that?

WE WISH THE GOVERNMENT WILL CHOOSE A ANOTHER PLACE TO BUILD THE NEW HOSPITAL TO DON'T EFFRECT TO WAY OF LIFE RESIDENT IN AREA.

I request that **Application 5982** be referred to **PAC (Planning Assessment Committee)**

Thank you so much for your reading this letter.

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