

# VASCULAR & ENDOVASCULAR SURGEON

## LASER VEIN SURGERY

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Marion Higgins

Dear Marion,

- In regards to the recent submission by Wollongong Day Surgery, it is true that Wollongong Day Surgery have the names of Wollongong Private Hospital. This has been a working name for our project, and has never been tested in the Department of Fair Trading registration. We were unaware anyone had that name. Wollongong Day Surgery did register the name in 2008 but have no intention and do not currently have this name in any business.

Recently we have registered the name Wollongong Private Surgical and Medical Hospital and this has been registered with the Department of Fair Trading, and I enclose a copy of the registration number and the Certificate of Registration of Business Name. This will be the name of the new private hospital.

- Dr Bentley also has one of his main concerns, being the element of parking, and has devoted a large amount of space to this. This is precisely one of the huge benefits of the private hospital. Currently a lot of the doctors and their staff, and the nurses who work with them, as well as theatre staff and hospital staff use the surrounding areas and therefore the patients seeing them, park in the surrounding streets. The addition of over 300 parking spaces by the new hospital will take the pressure off both the current public car park and the surrounding streets. This is in fact a huge benefit rather than a burden in the area. It will even help his Wollongong Day Surgery complex, which regularly parks their cars in the street.

Yours Sincerely



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## **PRIVATE HOSPITAL OPERATION**

- Previous research has been undertaken regarding the need for a large Private Hospital in the area. This has been justified in previous research. In addition to this further services are required in the Illawarra region:-
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1. New **Hyperbaric Oxygen Unit** for treatment of wounds and ulcers and post radiotherapy. The Illawarra region has a large number of patients who are treated for radiotherapy, and Hyperbaric Oxygen has been shown to decrease the risk of complications associated with this form of treatment.
  2. The presence of a **Hand / Reconstructive Unit**. This is especially important in the Illawarra due to the presence of large amounts of heavy industry. Currently urgent hand operation both in the public and private hospital, need to be transferred to Sydney hospitals. This sometimes is very difficult and is detrimental to patients as they are not able to be accepted immediately. This has implications on industrial accidents.
  3. **Bariatric Unit**. Surgeons in the Illawarra are unable to get adequate operating time to do the number of cases required in Bariatric Surgery / Obesity Surgery. Therefore a lot of patients are taken to Sydney for operations.
  4. **Ulcer Clinics**. Currently there is no integrated clinic that deals with ulcers, incorporating vascular surgeons with Hyperbaric Treatment. The formation of this clinic will remove this problem.
  5. **Cardiac Surgery / Cardiac Stenting**. Cardiac stenting is not performed in the private at all in the Illawarra due to lack of facilities. It is performed in the public hospital, but private patients have to go out of the area in order to get their intervention performed by the local cardiologist, thereby again sending patients up to Sydney. Cardiac surgery is not performed in either the public or the private hospital, and the new private hospital will have a dedicated Cardiac Unit, with a Cardiac Intensive Care
  6. **Lung Cancer Surgery** will be able to be performed in the Illawarra. Currently it is not performed in either the public or the private sector, and the addition of a Lung Cancer Unit will certainly attract new consultant surgeons to operate in the area, who already currently consult in the area and see patients on a regular basis, but can not operate either in the public or the private hospitals.
  7. **Brain Surgery** is not performed at all in Figtree Hospital. Currently there are no facilities to perform this, and the addition of the private hospital will enable private patients to be performed in the private hospital. Currently they are performed in Wollongong Hospital, further taking up valuable public beds and public Intensive Care Unit spaces, as well as taking up valuable operating theatre time that can be utilised for public patients. Currently surgeons who see private patients in the area who require brain surgery and do not work in the public system have to go to Sydney to have this surgery performed.
  8. An **Oncology Unit** is proposed in order to centralize the provision of this service to patients.

- Increasing numbers of doctors are moving in to the Illawarra and there is no time to operate in the Private Hospital for these doctors. There is now currently no extra operating time at Figtree Hospital, the major Private Hospital in the area. Some doctors are even operating on Saturdays in order to get there patients operated on in a timely fashion including at the Wollongong Day Surgery and Figtree Hospital. There is an increase in the number of surgical specialists in the area, and this has nearly tripled in the last ten years. Despite all of this, a lot of patients still go up to Sydney for operative intervention. There is a huge scope for increase in the number of surgeons who see patients and operate in the Illawarra. Currently there are a significant percentage of surgeons who travel to Sydney to perform operative surgery. This includes vascular surgeons and upper gastro-intestinal surgeons.

- There are huge benefits that flow on to the people of the Illawarra and in the Public Hospital, specifically in having a co-located Private Hospital. This includes:

- the benefits of having doctors and nurses work in both institutions without having to travel
- GP practice which will take the pressure off the Public Hospital system

Intensive Care Unit which will also take the strain off the Public Hospital

Currently the main cause for cancellations of major surgery in Wollongong Hospital is the lack of Intensive Care Unit beds. This has been the case over the last thirteen years! There is no funding to increase Intensive Care Unit beds at this stage. This proposal would remove this problem almost entirely.

- In addition to this, all the newly proposed units will attract surgeons into the public hospital to look after public patients. This will be an enormous benefit to the community, with fewer visits to Sydney for specialist medical care.

- In addition to this the other major advantages where we will have attraction of consultants into the area who perform surgery in the new units include the previously mentioned:

- Cardiac Surgery
- Cardiac Stenting
- Lung Surgery for cancer
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Hand and Trauma Unit
- Brain Surgery Unit
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Unit
- Oncology Unit

In addition to this there will be an integrated Breast Cancer Unit, further adding great advantages to the women of the Illawarra. This will be a multi-disciplinary unit run by Surgeons, Oncologists, Radiologists and Breast Care nurses.

- In relation to the proposed University and Teaching Centre, there has been correspondence from the University of Wollongong Dear, Dr John Hogg, for the Medical School, reiterating how important it is to have an association between the University and the new Private Hospital. Currently the scope for teaching in the Public Hospital is limited, and frequently at all the Sydney Hospitals all the trainees are also trained by Consultant Surgeons in the Private Hospital, right next door to the Public Hospital. This enables the doctors to train more nursing and medical staff by having a co-located premises.
- As teaching is of the utmost importance in this setting, a large space needs to be made available for:
  - meeting rooms
  - audio-visual
  - lecture halls
  - libraries
  - online teaching
  - surgical simulation laboratories are required for teaching both surgeons and medical and nursing students
  - board rooms

These facilities would be an integral part of the Private Hospital and the hub of learning and teaching in the new Private-Public-University association.

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## Certificate of Registration of Business Name

This is to certify that the undermentioned Business Name is registered in *New South*  
Wales under the Business Names Act 2002.

Unless cancelled, registration is valid from twenty-six August 2010 until twenty-six  
August 2013.

Business Name:	<b>WOLLONGONG PRIVATE SURGICAL &amp; MEDICAL HOSPITAL</b>
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