

I oppose to the State Significant Infrastructure Application No 598 for a 10-storey Northern Beaches Hospital concept proposal and destruction of endangered forest for the following reasons:

1) Destruction of local amenity

The hospital precinct boundary borders my street and **I will be directly impacted** by the loss of bush land and its clean air function, air & noise pollution from increased traffic including helicopters and ambulances; **overflow parking in my street** and light pollution at night.

2) Traffic and transport problems

Wakehurst Parkway & Warringah Rd are already beyond capacity. It can take me 30 minutes to drive 2 km to my children's school in bad weather. The intersection at the hospital site will be gridlocked constantly. It is astonishing that no public transport has been 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 & Manly
- Proximity of new 10 storey hospital to newly rebuilt Royal North Shore Hospital leading to duplication of services.

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

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