

NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
N23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001

28<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Northern Beaches Hospital Proposal - SSI 13\_5982 Frenchs Forest Road

I am writing to give feedback on the above proposal for a multi storey (6-10) hospital on Warringah Road and Frenchs Forest Road.

My understanding after reading the proposal and the information in the local papers and other sources that this hospital will be managed by the private sector for a minimum of 20 years. As a resident of the Northern Beaches for over 50 years I do not understand the thinking that occurs that would have such an essential part of community infrastructure be managed by a private consortium. This is not supporting and bringing people together. Not to mention that we have two amazing current sites that hospitals are on – Mona Vale and Manly.

For as long as I can remember there has been discussion about selling off Mona Vale – but when you look at the importance of people's health and well being this is the most suitable space for people to be helped. Research closely links positive health outcomes and environmental factors. The close proximity to the headland and the ocean, along with the land size and easy access makes it seem like the best spot for the new hospital. As done over the last few years at RNSH, you could rebuild along side the existing hospital with little disruption. It seems that building a hospital on Warringah Road is just creating a more modern health facility a little closer to RNSH. Why?


Living here, I am only to aware of the traffic issues that we face on Warringah Road and the parkway and can only see further congestion being created. Another reason to consider.

I am not an idealist. I live in the real world and I think it is critical to also look at the dwindling natural bush that we have in Sydney and ask the government why pick an area that offers great biodiversity and animal corridor to dig up? It is a little silly to look at the re-allocation of other lands for native habitat – it does not work like this. You cannot offer another spot for plant and animal species to be.

As a government it is your responsibility to maintain these vital corridors. We as a community encourage you not plan for the short term, but for the long term and the future generations of community who live on the Northern Beaches.

Thank you for allowing me to make my comments and hope that we can find a more suitable solution.

Yours sincerely



Julie Carr

16 Elanora Road

Elanora Heights 2101

