

**Re Northern Beaches Private Hospital in Frenchs Forest Application no SSI 5982 (please delete personal information before publication)**

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby oppose NSW Government's plans to build a private hospital in Frenchs Forest. The reasons are as follows:

1. The proposed location of the hospital is in an area which today is a wildlife corridor between Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment and Manly Dam and Forestville Park. The proposed destruction of this bush will destroy a unique diversity of flora and will remove habitat for wildlife. The proposition to preserve bushland in another location will not be a sufficient replacement.
2. The current traffic conditions at the intersection of Wakehurst Parkway and Warringah Road are already far beyond capacity (I drive this way to work). Even with a much needed upgrade of these roads, future traffic demands will put additional pressure on this area both from a pollution point of view and from a traffic flow point of view. Furthermore, as I understand it, no plans have been disclosed regarding improved public transport to the proposed hospital.
3. The proposed hospital is going to be a private hospital in order to secure the financing of the building. NSW Government has stated that 60% of Northern Beaches' habitants have private health insurance. This leaves 40% of us who cannot access this proposed hospital. How can this proposed solution be in the best interest of the people who live on Northern Beaches? Hospitals should by definition be a place where ALL citizens will be able to seek help in times of ill health. There are already a number of private alternatives in the North Shore area.
4. The proposed plan is to close Manly and Mona Vale hospitals. This will mean that we will lose public beds which will not be offset with the proposed hospital. The plans for upgrading Mona Vale hospital (according to Rob Stokes) seem to be a waste of money if this hospital will cease to exist.

Kind regards