

**The Northern Beaches Roadkill Prevention Committee is opposed to a new hospital being built at the intersection of the Wakehurst Parkway, Warringah Road and the Forest Way.**

#### **Traffic and its impact upon environmental issues**

The new hospital site will have far reaching traffic impacts that have not been considered nor addressed

The traffic report only looks at a small precinct around the hospital site

There are three main arterial roads in this area around the proposed hospital

- the Wakehurst Parkway, from Narrabeen to Seaforth,
- the Forest Way and
- Mona Vale road from Mona Vale to St Ives.

These roads will all carry far greater volume of traffic generated by the hospital and the traffic generated will be spread over 24 hours a day.

Also roads that have not been considered yet, are becoming default arterial roads by local residents trying to avoid Wakehurst Parkway/Warringah Road/Forest Way intersection are

- Morgan Road and Frenchs Forest Road West
- Frenchs Forest Road.

These roads will also be greatly affected by the new volume of traffic generated by the hospital.

The transport assessment for the new proposed Northern beaches hospital has not looked at the impact of increased traffic density along any of these roads. It has not considered the impact of an extended peak hour upon these roads.

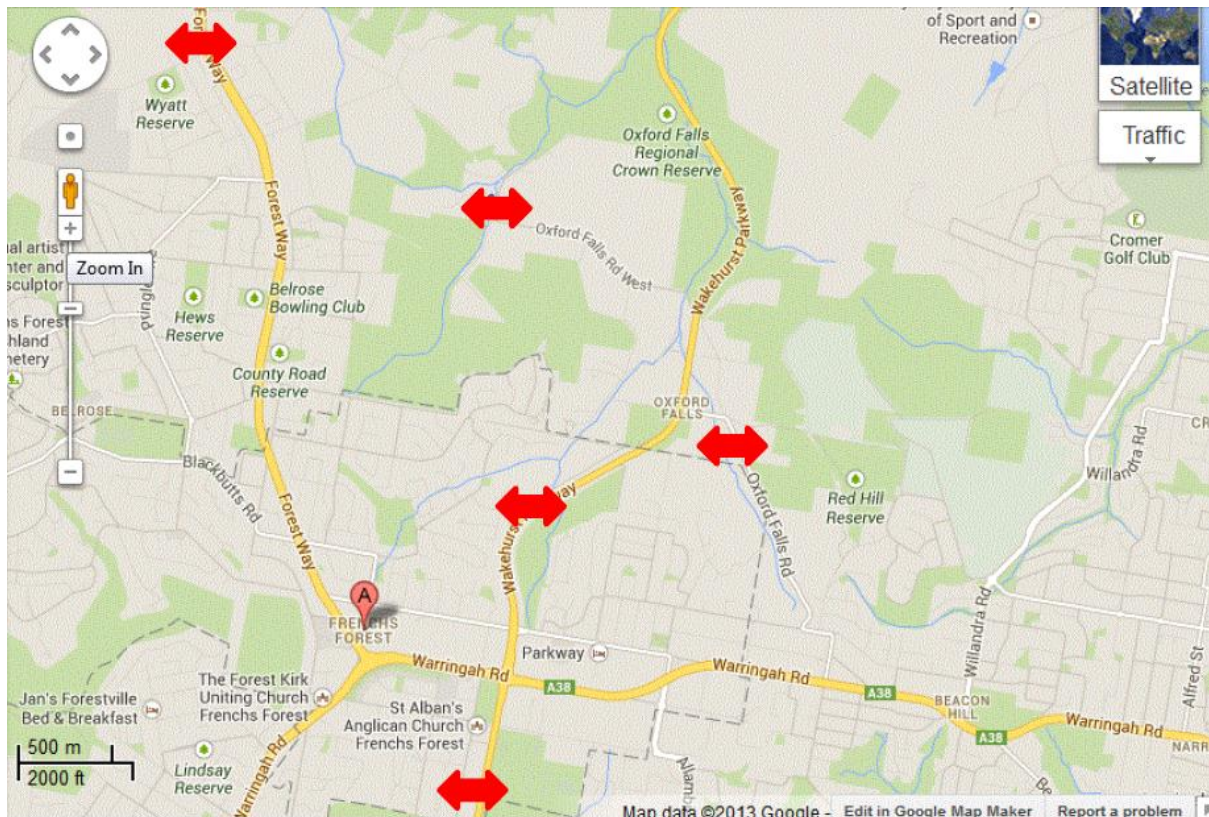
The Northern Beaches Roadkill Prevention Committee has roadkill data for most of these roads extending as far back as 2006. It has been well published that thousands of common species such as wallabies, possums, bandicoots etc have been killed along these roads during this period.

It is also well documented that many threatened species have been killed on the roads.

The threatened species killed include powerful owls, ospreys, Rosenbergs goannas and eastern pygmy possums. A quoll was killed on the Wakehurst Parkway in 2003 and a koala was killed on the Forest Way in 2001

The issue of connectivity loss for flora and fauna due to increased traffic density has not been addressed.

Wildlife corridors between Garigal National Park East and bushland to the south of the Wakehurst Parkway will be cut as will the bushland between Garigal National Park West and the Manly Dam



Red arrows show cuts to wildlife corridors

The impact of the new hospital site upon powerful owls needs addressing too

There was a powerful owl breeding site in the grounds of the Forest High School on Frenchs Forest Road West.

At least two Powerful owls have been killed at the intersection of Wakehurst Parkway with Warringah road over the last two years.

An injured powerful owl was found near Oxford Falls in 2012. It had been hit by a car. In spite of the best veterinary treatment it died.

At present we do not know if powerful owls can sustain the incredibly high roadkill toll and maintain their population in the area.

The new piece of land for the offset of the hospital is not powerful owl territory. No one has ever successfully translocated a nesting pair of powerful owls.

Another issue that hasn't been addressed is what to do with the native animals that live in bushland on the proposed hospital site. Are they to be relocated? Or are they just going to be left to perish? If they are relocated who is going to do it and how?

As stated above there are many problems with this new proposed hospital and the Northern Beaches Roadkill Prevention Committee is opposed to the hospital being built at this intersection of Wakehurst Parkway and Warringah Road near the Forest Way, upon this piece of land that contains threatened species and impacts on many other common species and threatened species throughout the whole area.