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Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
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Re: Proposed Northern Beaches Hospital, Frenchs Forest – Application No SSI 5982

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of the affected area I object to the proposal

I am still amazed that the “cash strapped” State Government is still pursuing this folly. The reasons I object to the proposal are as follows.

- Waste of public money when there are already suitable hospitals already in the region of Manly, Mona Vale, Royal North Shore – the money should be spent wisely with the upgrading of the existing facilities to service more effectively the local communities.
- Should this hospital be sold off to the private sector then it becomes a lost to the public as a public asset.
- The reduction of amenity with destruction of a large area of natural bushland which will be devastating to both flora and fauna and replaced with a 10 story tower monstrosity on the highest natural landform in the area which will dominate the skyline
- The intersection of Wakehurst Parkway and Warringah Road and surrounds is one of the most heavily trafficked in the region and to further develop this location and increase the traffic volumes which will reduce the level of service for the intersections (which is non-existent) is ridiculous.
- Already in the mornings and afternoons the area is area gridlocked with vehicles and emergency vehicles, if they can get through, will be significantly delayed. Public access to the site will be extremely difficult in comparison with the relative ease of access that the existing hospitals currently enjoy.

My wife and I moved into our residence in Frenchs Forest in 1978 and during that time we have raised a family and enjoyed the area's lifestyle. Should we wished to live in a major commercial/industrial/hospital hub then we would not have moved to the area.

This proposal will destroy the community, environment, lifestyle that presently exists here as a result of the:

- Misdirected public funding
- Inappropriate location
- Poor access

- Environmental destruction
- Increased vehicle usage
- Lack of transport
- Lack of suitable infrastructure

This proposal is poorly thought through, in the wrong location, against the community's wishes and should not go ahead.

Yours sincerely,



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(No donations have been made to any political party)