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Raymond Cox.
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North Curl Curl, NSW , 2099.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re; Northern Beaches Hospital - Frenchs Forest.
Application No; SSI 5982.

I formally object to the Northern Beaches Hospital – Frenchs Forest, Application No; SSI 5982 development and submit the following criteria and comments for your consideration.

There is a lack of transparency in this Private and Public Health Services (P&PHS) process, in particular the public purse financing and obligations that has been a notable feature at all levels since first mooted. Media releases and calls for submissions are not substitutes or in anyway excuse the lack of full disclosure of the use of public money.

The concept of Private and Public Health Services is a flawed system for providing public health care for the citizens of NSW. The failed Private and Public Hospital in Port Macquarie cost patients and the public purse dearly. Australia is not alone with this experience. Under a similar P&P health care in UK peoples health declined and in many areas the failure of private or P&P health care was literally in disarray and had to be largely rescued with public funding. There is little doubt this concept attempts to subtly divest health care responsibility away from government. That private health services are available in an adjacent precinct at a time of funding cuts or other government obligation shortfalls does not bode good for public patients generally. Our people's health is a fundamental responsibility of any government.

“Ecological surveys of the hospital site confirm the presence of Duffys Forest Ecological Community (DFEG) an endangered community on site “. Reference to the Powerful Owl, a threatened species “was most “ likely used ie: the proposed site for a foraging habitat. Legislation exists to protect threatened and endangered species, it must be respected and acted upon. The use of Biobanking Assessment Methodology (BBAM) where a registered site in Belrose as a suitable and sufficient offset cannot be justified ecologically and responsibly. The Biodiversity Offset Strategy pays little practical support for the important role of this site as a wildlife corridor. With a sharp decline in the number, size and locations of these wildlife corridors it cannot be overstated their value – necessity – in the scheme of wellbeing, natural and material assets presently and into the future.

Traffic is a huge problem for the proposed hospital area of the Blinking Light. Remarkably, a traffic study does not appear available. The limitations of public transport would put greater vehicles/taxis into the area, an expense that is unreasonable for many patients. Figures show 82% of transport would be private cars whereas 69% private car use to Mona Vale Hospital and Manly Hospital. The traffic and location problems make these figures understandable and need to be acted upon.

The opportunity to build first class health care exists at the present Mona Vale Hospital site. Excellent public transport facilities, good and ample access roads from vast distances, a rapidly expanding growth area, a beautiful ambience conducive to wellbeing, services already at hand. It would allow the present proposed site to be saved for the ultimate good that is inherent in preserving wildlife corridors. I object to the this proposed development.....Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Ray Cox

I request your response
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