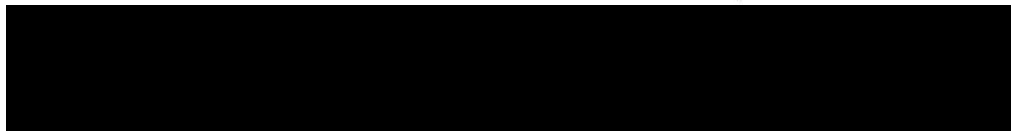


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**Submission** for Attention, Director, Industry, Social Projects and Key Sites regarding the proposed Northern Beaches Hospital - Frenchs Forest.



Infrastructure Application for Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest Application No SS1 5982

I object to the proposal.

My reasons for objection are as follows:-

1 I have lived in Warringah Municipality continuously since 1950. I first came to live in Penrose Place off Bantry Bay Road Frenchs Forest in 1958 before moving to Killarney Heights in 1965, where I live to the present day.

2 I am the co-author of *Forest History* 1988 which has been used extensively by your Department in the section of your documents dealing with the Historic Heritage Impact Assessment. I therefore have an intimate knowledge of Frenchs Forest as well as the whole Northern Beaches area.

3 I well recall that before a hospital site was first chosen for our peninsula in-depth studies were made which revealed that the best and most centrally located site for a major hospital was considered to be at Mona Vale. The construction of this hospital began with the widespread approval of residents. The requirement of a major hospital at Mona Vale is now even more necessary owing to the rapid increase in the population of the Mona Vale area and northwards towards Palm Beach. Once the Ingleside land is released for development the need for Mona Vale hospital will become even greater.

4 Land for the further development of Mona Vale Hospital is already readily available on site instead of constructing an entirely new costly hospital at Frenchs Forest.

5 The proposed clear felling of the habitat of the natural flora and fauna on the proposed Frenchs Forest hospital site should not be carried prematurely, if at all. French's Forest is continually being denuded of its natural environment and the **Forest** in Frenchs Forest is fast disappearing.

6 More detailed plans should be made available to the public as to how and when the obvious necessary infrastructure will be carried out before the hospital is built. The chosen site is already subject to large volumes of traffic and ambulances etc coming from distant locations on the peninsula may well suffer life threatening delays.

7 The proposal to close or alter the provision of hospital services at Manly also poses problems for any patients trying to reach a hospital at Frenchs Forest so distant from a heavily populated tourist centre.

8 It is most disappointing that the hospital is to be private as this always adds to the cost of patient care. Any private organisation has to make a sizable profit.

