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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Northern Beaches Hospital – Frenchs Forest – Application No. SSI5982**

As a resident of Frenchs Forest for over a period of thirty-five years, I have always been of the opinion that to build a hospital at the proposed site of Frenchs Forest Road West, Wakehurst Parkway, Warringah Road and The Forest High School is the wrong site in which to build a hospital.

The proposed site is next door to a school. Schools besides being a place of education, they are inherently noisy. They also attract a lot of road traffic. My late wife spent much time in Manly Hospital battling breast cancer over a twelve and a half year period. Over this time I was able to observe just how much noise and traffic is generated by the neighbouring school. As a place of education in Frenchs Forest, it is going to be much affected by construction noise, with much sandstone around, its removal with a hydraulic pick will resonate through the school. Imagine the affect to will have on students studying for their HSC! The erection of a ten storey high build will tower over the school.

Roads in the area are often gridlocked by the existing traffic use (witness how many times they appear on traffic reports on radio). The Wakehurst Parkway is subject to flooding. The ability for ambulances to get to the hospital in the case of an emergency is questionable and could be a matter of life or death!

I welcome the upgrade of a much needed hospital in the area, however I am of the firm belief that the hospital at Mona Vale is the site of where it should be built.

Yours sincerely,

  
Nick Hammond