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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE SUBMISSION AGAINST FRENCHS FOREST HOSPITAL SITE

The above site is completely unsuitable for a hospital because of its proximity to the Wakehurst Parkway which is quite often closed because of floods, heavy rain and numerous accidents. It will cost a lot of money to remedy this situation.

The area is also served by private buses and very heavy traffic, lack of parking etc. The fact that private operators are going to run it, what happens to public patients ???

We do need a Level V hospital and the fact that we will have a 50-bed psychiatric ward, plus six PECC beds are all pluses however, there is nothing to stop Mona Vale Hospital being renovated, a much more popular choice amongst residents.

The site is also PRISTINE bushland with a colony of Sugar Gliders, Powerful Owl habitat, swamp wallabies, other wildlife and rare plant species. It is also a wildlife corridor between Ku-ring-gai Chase, Manly Dam and the Narrabeen catchment area.

An area of bushland disappears there and elsewhere, which means that the Northern Beaches becomes just another sterile area, robbed of its beauty and a refuge for our unique wildlife.

We will also lose our Frenchs Forest Community Mental Health Centre, even though there were assurances that this wouldn't happen. The community mental health centre supports more than 200 families in the area.

It is SABOTAGE of our beautiful bushland and all it contains in an area which isn't as big as that occupied by the Forest High School.

Yours sincerely,

*(Mrs)* Pat Boydell

