

LAST CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Please write (ideas below) opposing the destruction of Wildlife Corridors and Duffy's Forest Ecological Community at Frenchs Forest and to the CONSTRUCTION OF A 10-STOREY PRIVATE HOSPITAL INSTEAD OF RE-BUILDING MONA VALE AND MANLY HOSPITALS. (fax number, email and postal address on reverse)

I oppose the State Significant Infrastructure Application No 5982 for a 10-storey Northern Beaches Hospital concept proposal and destruction of endangered forest:

1) DESTRUCTION OF LOCAL AMENITY.

- 10-storey building with overshadowing
- Eyesore on hilltop location
- Loss of bushland and its air cleaning function
- Air pollution from increased traffic
- Noise pollution from helicopters, ambulances and cars
- Overflow parking in residential streets
- Light pollution at night

2) TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS

** These areas are of great concern now.*

- ☒ • Wakehurst Parkway and Warringah Road already at or beyond capacity
- ☒ • Wakehurst Parkway can be closed by flooding *and also accidents.*
- ☒ • Intersection at hospital site gridlocked every day *(recently closed for 5 hours after car accident)*
- Population growth on Northern Beaches (e.g Warriewood) will increase problems
- Substantial additional traffic (expert's estimate 10,000 per day): ambulances, staff, patients, visitors, suppliers, waste disposal...etc.
- No public transport planned

3) ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Destruction of irreplaceable wildlife corridors between Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment and (a) Manly Dam (b) Forestville Park (Garigal National Park)
- Destruction of the largest southern stand of endangered Duffy's Forest Ecological Community, with unique diversity of flora
- Loss of habitat for wildlife, e.g. swamp wallabies, sugar gliders, powerful owls
- 'Environmental Offsets': destruction of one unique area of native forest and wildlife cannot be remedied by preserving bushland in another unconnected location

4) HEALTH SERVICES DISTRIBUTION

- Provision of public beds insufficient
- Private hospitals focus on profits, not provision of health care for all
- Centralising for administrative convenience does not provide health care where needed
- Loss of existing public community hospitals at Mona Vale and Manly
- Proximity of new 10-storey hospital to newly rebuilt Royal North Shore Hospital (duplication of services)

I request that Application 5982 be referred to **PAC (Planning Assessment Committee)**

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