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From: [Mark Horton](#)

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Subject: [Protect Pittwater] Status Update

[MONA VALE Hospital MUST Be Retained for Surgical & Emergency](#)

Dear Rob

I am calling on you to debate the closure of the Mona Vale Hospital that we know and love. I have been told that you were not given sufficient notice to attend the recent forum at Mona Vale so now this is your chance to set the record straight.

I know that there have been so many untruths told about why Mona Vale Hospital is to lose its heart and soul, its staff and the wonderful, often lifesaving work they have done for the Northern Beaches community. You say that we are spreading untrue rumours so I am giving you an opportunity to explain and prove us wrong.

Would you be prepared to front a community forum where you can listen to what we are concerned about? We are getting a wonderful new hospital at Frenchs Forest but many of us are certain that it cannot stand alone. We will still be relying on the Royal North Shore for many lifesaving procedures and the ambulance will still be heading to St Leonards and past the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

On the matter of access to the new Hospital, you have not listened to my appeals over the past four years to even have the main road access from Narrabeen through the Wakehurst Parkway upgraded and made safe. Your staff have explained that it is not in your electorate, because that is Wakehurst, the electorate of Brad Hazzard. Apart from a busy Pittwater and Warringah Roads, the only other access from the North to Frenchs Forest is along a narrow Mona Vale Road. While some upgrade may commence within the coming year, it is only stage 1 to Ingleside so there will still be a traffic logjam after Powderworks Road.

I know that I and many others feel betrayed by our local State MPs but would still be prepared to hear what the political power brokers have to say. Perhaps you, Brad Hazzard and the Premier would be prepared to front a community forum?

Over to you.

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