

Reopen

Mona Vale Emergency, Surgery & Maternity Departments...

A Matter of Life or Death for Our Community

By closing Emergency, Surgical, Maternity and other acute services at Mona Vale Hospital, politicians are playing with our lives. Many of us are extremely anxious that these critical services are no longer available close to home and the hospital has been downgraded from its previous Level 4 status.

With an extended waiting time for ambulances, residents in emergencies are now left struggling to get to the new Frenchs Forest hospital, up a flood-prone and regularly congested Wakehurst Parkway. And for those not in an ambulance, the situation may well be fatal.

Consider these 3 facts:

1.

In the last year on record, 143 people arrived at Mona Vale Emergency requiring immediate resuscitation. Many no doubt arrived unconscious or semi conscious. If they had had to travel up the Wakehurst, how many would have arrived alive? (NSW Health Department figures)

2.

4,700 people arrived at emergency needing urgent medical attention within 10 minutes. Again, how many of these 90 people every week would have made it through the congestion and possible flooding to the new NBH?

3.

20 Local GPs in Mona Vale, Newport and Avalon have signed a statement to say they believe lives will be at risk now that Mona Vale emergency and maternity have closed.

Who will take responsibility when people die?

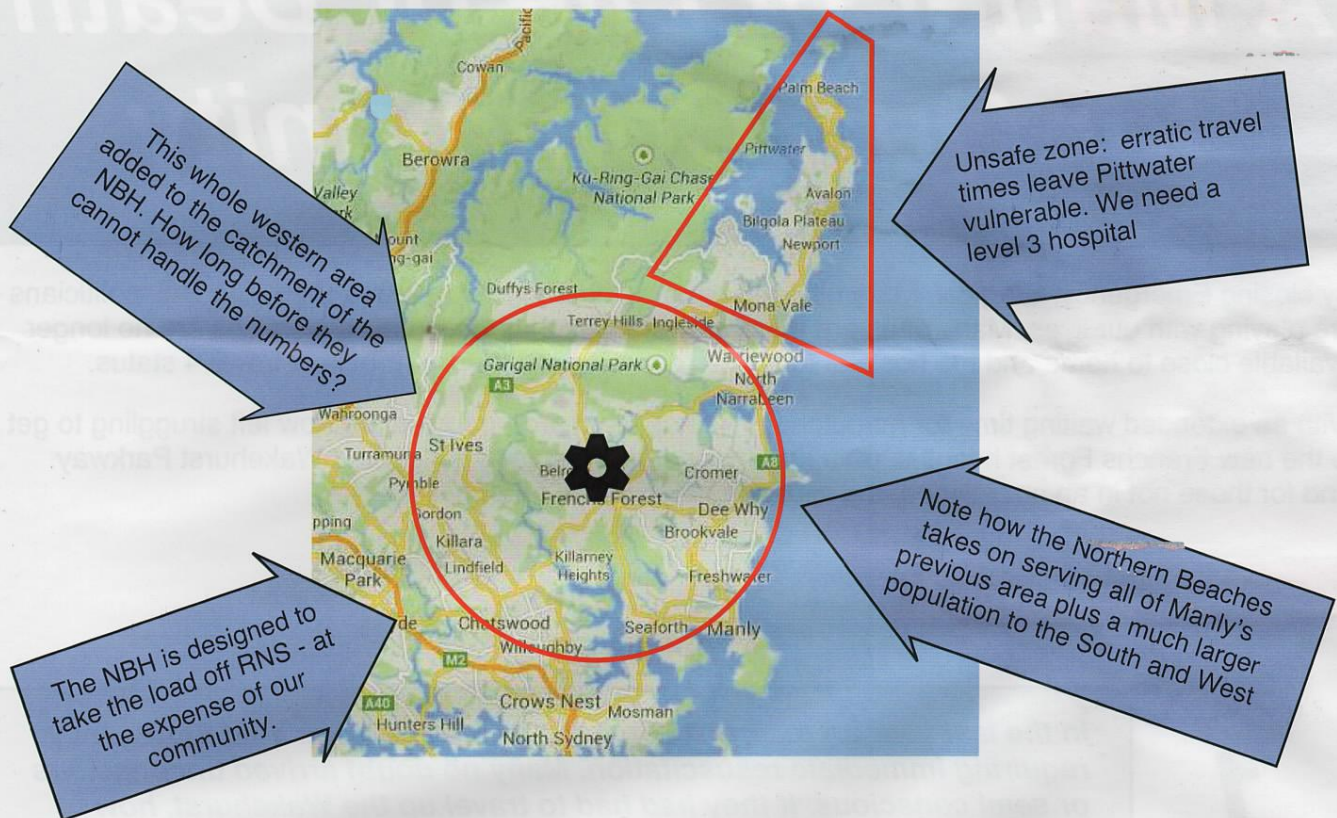
Not I said the politician. All we've had from our local member, the Minister for Health and the Premier has been spin, spin and more spin. They even try to suggest the hospital has not closed because they have set up the so-called Urgent Care Centre, not much more than a band-aid station.

But in all this, it is the government, and the government alone, which must bear responsibility.

What's the government agenda here?

It's all about privatising health on the northern beaches. The new NBH is a private, profit making hospital with public patients paid for by the NSW government. We understand tenders were invited for private services at Mona Vale some time ago. It's privatisation by stealth, without due consultation or consideration for families and the elderly.

The Tyranny of Distance. People isolated and at risk...



Don't let them demolish our building. They want to tear it down in 2019. Is this to build private medical services or more apartments?

**It's no time for apathy.
This is a Matter of Life or Death.**

PUBLIC PROTEST MEETING

Tuesday 5 February at 7.00pm

Pittwater RSL



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