



# BRAD HAZZARD MP

SHADOW MINISTER FOR PLANNING  
SHADOW MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
SHADOW MINISTER FOR REDFERN-WATERLOO  
MEMBER FOR WAKEHURST

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### IGUANAS - YES NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITALS - NO

**Northern Beaches hospitals and staff have been snubbed by State Labor with the Health Minister not visiting a single time in eight months.**

“Northern Beaches residents are not being treated fairly by this incompetent, out of touch Labor Government and Health Minister,” Member for Wakehurst, Brad Hazzard, said today.

“In Parliament, Health Minister John Della Bosca admitted that since becoming Minister he has made 66 hospital visits, in addition to obvious visits to Iguanas

“But when it comes to Manly and Mona Vale Hospitals – ***‘The Minister...will endeavour to visit...as soon as the opportunity arises’<sup>1</sup>***.”

“How can the Minister possibly claim that in eight months he has not had the opportunity to visit our hospitals?”

“The local community are fed up with Labor’s incompetence at managing our hospital facilities.

“The new hospital in Frenchs Forest has been promised repeatedly, but still we are waiting for the first brick to be laid.

“This is further proof this failing State Labor Government is also loose with the truth.

“Perhaps if he took the time to visit he would understand that his Government must maintain the current hospitals and get on with the promised Frenchs Forest Hospital.

**“I call on the Health Minister to visit Manly and Mona Vale Hospitals as a matter of urgency and give the Northern Beaches health system the attention it deserves,” Brad Hazzard said.**

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<sup>1</sup> Question on Notice, No 5730