

EMAIL TRAIL WITH NSW FIRE AND RESCUE REGARDING FIRE SAFETY CONCERNS WITH THE NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL

ORIGINAL EMAIL TO NSW FIRE AND RESCUE

10 SEPTEMBER 2018

----- Original Message -----

From: Phil Walker

To: info@fire.nsw.gov.au

Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 5:24 PM

Subject: Northern Beaches Hospital Fire Safety Report

I noted the NSW Fire Department's comments in the Fire Report for the new Northern Beaches Hospital and some significant departures were found.

Of concern is previous report with 21 Departures

- (1) Insulated cladding.
- (2) Single Ignition Point only analysed.
- (3) Open fire stairs.
- (4) Ingress of oxygen to feed a fire when fire doors are open upon evacuation of occupants to the open fire stairs.
- (5) Type of Occupants.
- (6) Number of occupants (5621) and their safety and evacuation in a fire.

Is Fire and Rescue happy with the Fire Safety Report for the new hospital building?

There is a website that might assist in understanding the concerns I have.

<https://northernbeachesalliance.weebly.com/northern-beaches-hospital---fire-safety-report.html>

Yours Faithfully
Phil Walker
0403 692 937

EMAIL REPLY FROM NSW FIRE AND RESCUE

17 SEPTEMBER 2018

----- Original Message -----

From: [John Hawes](#)

To: Phil Walker

Cc: [Fire Safety](#)

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 1:39 PM

Subject: Northern Beaches Hospital

Phil,

As discussed, I am providing you with the email address that any member of the public is welcome to use to lodge a Fire Safety concern.

The address to write to is: firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au

I hope this assists with your enquiry.

Regards



A/Superintendent John Hawes

MANAGER

COMMAND AND LIAISON UNIT

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EMAIL TO NSW FIRE AND RESCUE

(At the email address given by John Hawes)

1 OCTOBER 2018

----- Original Message -----

From: Phil Walker

To: firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au

Cc: John.Hawes@fire.nsw.gov.au

Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 4:23 PM

Subject: Fire Safety Concerns New Northern Beaches Hospital

Attention: Fire and Rescue NSW, firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au

11 October 2018

Copy: Superintendent John Hawes

Regarding Fire Safety at the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

Having obtained the fire safety report and the fire engineer's response via a GIPA request and NCAT review, I would like to raise some concerns, which I consider to be relevant.

- 1) Only one ignition point analysed.
- 2) Disclaimer for catastrophic events.
- 3) Major bushfires from northwest ignored.
- 4) Sprinkler storage and use time not discussed.
- 5) Failure of mains supply not discussed (Manly / Warringah / Pittwater spur off the north shore loop fed from Pymble. Failure in January 1994 bushfire Bayview / Mona Vale / Warriewood / Elanora).
- 6) Failure to adequately address 'characteristics of occupants' including bed ridden and mental health patients.
- 7) Open fire stairs vertigo problems.
- 8) Open fire stairs smoke problems.
- 9) Open fire stairs used in evacuation result in external doors on each level opening and closing with ingress of fresh oxygen each time to fuel the fire.
- 10) Flammability of insulation of both steel and aluminium building cladding.
- 11) Difficulties in evacuating patients 'to street level'.

It would be greatly appreciated if these 'concerns' could be reviewed to ensure fire safety for the expected 5000 plus occupants, especially in the catastrophic events disclaimer by the fire engineer, (and certified by the private certifier) when a major hospital is needed the most.

Attached to this email is the GIPA application and NCAT review files.

<https://northernbeachesalliance.weebly.com/northern-beaches-hospital-ndash-gipa-ndash-fire-engineer-report-ndash-open-fire-stairs-and-external-cladding.html>

<https://northernbeachesalliance.weebly.com/northern-beaches-hospital-ndash-ncat-ndash-fire-engineer-report-ndash-open-fire-stairs-and-external-cladding.html>

Also see this link to a website for the Fire Engineers Report.

<https://northernbeachesalliance.weebly.com/northern-beaches-hospital---fire-safety-report.html>

Yours Faithfully

Phil Walker

0403 692 937

EMAIL REPLY FROM NSW FIRE AND RESCUE

12 OCTOBER 2018

----- Original Message -----

From: [Fire Safety](#)

To: Phil Walker

Cc: [John Hawes](#) ; [Paul Scott](#)

Sent: Friday, October 12, 2018 9:41 AM

Subject: RE: HPRM: Fire Safety Concerns New Northern Beaches Hospital

Dear Phil

Fire & Rescue acknowledge the receipt of your Fire Safety Concern.

For any future correspondence regarding this matter, we request that you quote your job / reference number:

Project Reference: FRN12/1242

Job Number: BFS18/29930 (8000005088)

If you have requested to remain anonymous please be advised that this will be the only contact you will receive from Fire & Rescue NSW.

Should you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact the Fire Safety Branch on 02 9742 7434.

Regards



Administration Officer

FIRE SAFETY ADMINISTRATION UNIT
COMMUNITY SAFETY DIRECTORATE

T: 02 9742 7434 [LinkedIn](#)

E: firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au

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EMAIL TO NSW FIRE AND RESCUE

(As no further correspondence has been received for 66 days)

17 DECEMBER 2018

----- Original Message -----

From: Phil Walker

To: firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au

Cc: John.Hawes@fire.nsw.gov.au ; Paul.Scott@fire.nsw.gov.au

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 4:45 PM

Subject: Re: HPRM: Fire Safety Concerns New Northern Beaches Hospital

Administration Officer 17 December 2018

FIRE SAFETY ADMINISTRATION UNIT

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIRECTORATE

Project Reference: FRN12/1242

Job Number: BFS18/29930 (8000005088)

The Northern Beaches Hospital opened 30 October 2018.

You will see from my previous email 12 October 2018 I raised considerable concerns with your office regarding the Fire Safety report and other issues.

This matter dates back to 17 September when I raised the same concerns with A/Superintendent John Hawes
MANAGER COMMAND AND LIAISON UNIT.

I have received no further correspondence on this issue.

Has an investigation commenced?

Yours Faithfully

Phil Walker

EMAIL REPLY FROM NSW FIRE AND RESCUE

18 DECEMBER 2018

----- Original Message -----

From: [Fire Safety](#)

To: Phil Walker

Cc: [John Hawes](#) ; [Paul Scott](#)

Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 7:13 AM

Subject: RE: HPRM: Re: HPRM: Fire Safety Concerns New Northern Beaches Hospital

Good morning Mr Walker,

We acknowledge receipt of your email below.

This has been referred to our Compliance Unit Manager for review and reply.

Regards

Carmelina



CARMELINA LEOMBRUNI

**Team Leader Program Administration | Community Safety
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GUESS WHAT !!!

THE HOSPITAL OPENED 30 OCTOBER 2018

DATE IS NOW 21 JULY 2019

215 DAYS HAVE GONE BY

NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM

'NSW GOVERNMENT'

OR

'FIRE AND RESCUE'