

Rob Stokes Member for Pittwater Publicly Supports the Closing of Mona Vale Hospital and Defends Northern Beaches Health Changes

After attending the public protest rally over the closing of Mona Vale Hospital on Sunday 14th October 2018, Rob Stokes, Pittwater MP for 11 yrs (currently NSW Education Minister) spoke to Wendy Harmer & Robbie Buck on ABC Breakfast Radio 15 October 2018 about how he feels as a local resident of Pittwater and he will always put the community's safety and health first.

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[Parry Thomas](#) The smiling assassin.

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We have only heard one side of the argument here, the State Government's.

[ABC Sydney](#) you need to air the side of the people up here on the Northern Beaches in this report and, at least in a follow-up report. I believe you spoke with [Parry Thomas](#) but didn't air his comments.

This is totally bias reporting. Shameful!!! ... and shameful for Wendy Harmer, who may have not had a say in this totally bias reporting.

Could the dumbing-down of our Mona Vale Hospital cost lives? That is what we all, rightly, fear ...

[Peter Middleton](#) On the official statistics for last 12 months (143 emergency cases presenting at Mona Vale Hospital needing IMMEDIATE resuscitation) it is not unreasonable to expect, in next 12 months, at least one hundred people may not make it to NB Hospital, who would otherwise have survived with an Emergency Department at Mona Vale.

From 30 October, anyone who incorrectly self-triages the severity of their (or their loved one's) condition is in unnecessary danger because there will only be a Mona Vale MEDICAL CENTRE, NO hospital, NO Emergency, NO operating theatres.

Every time Rob Stokes and the administration continue to refer to MV as an ongoing HOSPITAL, they add to the confusion and contribute to the consequences.

For someone who regularly refers to the residents of his own electorate as "peddlers of misinformation", Stokes has become the "King of Misinformation".

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The white Ford Territory seen in the merging lane was transporting Rob Stokes MP this morning and jumping the queue on the Wakehurst Parkway in peak hour.

Heading towards the new Private Hospital how does he think an Ambulance will get through here?

Took me 15 minutes to go 300metres. Suggest we keep emergency at Mona Vale open.

What gives Rob Stokes the right to jump the traffic queue of his constituents and push in like this ??????



[Parry Thomas](#)

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[Cassie Hotchin](#) How the hell are the ambulances meant to get to the hospital

[Andrew Veitch](#) They have no idea what's going on in the real world!!

[Wendy K. Speight](#) We need to negotiate 4 high dependency beds at this point for the people too unstable to be transported.

[Jill McDonald](#) Laughable! The Wakehurst Parkway is closed in rain, go via Dee Why they say! Wait till all those units are occupied, we won't get out of Narrabeen, Powderworks Road is a nightmare in morning peak hour now, and Ingleside is having more development, HELP!

[Chris Campbell](#) Took me an hour from Newport to get to lights near new hospital Monday. Tuesday went via Mona Vale Road took about the same time both mornings left Newport around 8.30, lucky I wasn't driving someone having a stroke or heart attack.

[Rob Brown](#) Someone said the answer to the ambulance problem getting to new hospital is easy. They just go on the other side of the road! Der! That is full of traffic as well going north. Just don't have a medical emergency between 6am and 12noon or between 2pm and 8.00pm if you live on the Insula Peninsula!

[Joy O'Neill](#) Yesterday it took me over half an hour to get from Oxford Falls Rd to Warringah Rd at 8.30am. The new hospital is necessary but in the wrong location. They could've relocated the Brookvale Bus depot and built the hospital there. And let's not start on getting to Frenchs Forest Hospital by public transport from Mona Vale or anywhere further north!

[Margaret Kelly](#) Not good. Poor construction and NO THOUGHT put into it.

[Elizabeth Wardell](#) Keep Mona Vale Hospital !!!!

[Mark Riley](#) The NSW Government will cause the death of someone we love because of their decision. Until somebody dies trying to get to the new hospital nothing will change. We have to band together and ramp the protests up. Currently the government is wasting money on propaganda videos telling us it will all be fine. It will not be. Remember the last big storms a couple of years ago and there was no way out of the peninsula!!! In bad weather not even helicopters will get our loved ones to hospital. What are we going to do? Protest until this stupid decision is changed...

[Mark Nielsen](#) Great point mark Riley, I would love to know who we can sue for loss of life after all these stupid decisions have been made.

[Martyn Wilkie](#) Why won't helicopters get you to hospital? Don't understand that comment.

[Peter O'Brien](#) Martyn Wilkie helicopters have limits.

[August Eldridge](#) Martyn Wilkie extreme winds possibly.

[Mark Nielsen](#) This is just another form of proof, how much more do the stupid, and over rated polities need.

[Scott Anderson](#) Money talks to f...wit politicians more than the people in their electorate do...the hospital is privately owned by Healthscope...meaning most visits will probably be charged for...corporate company for corporate greed...politicians taking hand outs...and becoming more and more like the US way of healthcare...awesome!

[Luke Janjic](#) NSW Roads and Maritime Services own enough land there to go 3 lanes each way... originally approved for something like that in the beginning... just saying.

[Grant Pellew](#) Only problem with that is to build those extra lanes they would have to shut the road pretty much and the build time would be 1-2 years.

[Luke Janjic](#) [Grant Pellew](#) yes mate ... life in the big smoke.

[Lincoln Courtney](#) Let's hope once the roads are all fixed up it will only take 25mins to get from Oxford Falls Rd to the hospital.... (300m). That's a saving of 4.5mins. At cost of \$6 trillion.

[Liz Smuts](#) Terrible Maya I really think they should keep emergency at Mona Vale as getting past traffic on Wakehurst Parkway is a nightmare in morning traffic

[Lisa Hewitt](#) The people who live in Palm Beach trying to get to the hospital on a Sunday afternoon, it's bad enough the traffic from Palmy, then dealing with all the traffic going up Mona Vale road and the Wakehurst Parkway. It will take over an hour, as I said in a previous post these ridiculous politicians need to be accountable for the deaths that I can assure you will happen due to the ridiculous of what is happening.

[Debbie Bardwell](#) Spent 4 hours in Mona Vale hospital emergency the other day. The doctor lived north of Avalon and said he thinks he would have to go up Mona Vale Road and then along Forest Way. Wouldn't that be any use for an ambulance as that's a grid lock in peak hour too?

[Jon Goodall](#) People use to die by the handful on the way to Manly Hospital, that's why Mona Vale was built. It's obvious this will be a case of history repeating itself. Totally irresponsible decision by the Liberal Government.

[Jeff Annesley](#) The rusted on (Liberal) voters are the dills.

[Rebecca Talbot Leaper](#) We lived on the Wakehurst Parkway nearly 15 years ago and it was like this then! Can't believe they added a hospital to the mix and didn't sort the traffic first! Crazy!

[Roslyn Tebble](#) Speaks for itself really!!

[Mitch Whatham](#) This has class action written all over it after the expected number of deaths en-route to this new hospital and how many public beds are there as it's a shared hospital.

[Toni Montgomery](#) My Specialist is moving into this new hospital & yesterday he said it was a shambles there.

[Mitch Day](#) That's what the lights and sirens are for.

[Greg Aggett](#) How the really slack state govt can't see there will be people die trying to get to the new hospital. Mona Vale emergency needs to stay OPEN. Let's dump this ineffective state govt and the very next election, vote in people with common sense.

[Lynn Baxter](#) Sadly disillusioned with all politicians - none of them have common sense!

[Peter Clark](#) We just have to hope that some of these politicians family members die cause they're in the same boat as the rest of us trying to get to the hospital in an emergency

[Jude Rose](#) Mona Vale is absolutely necessary

[Jill Todd](#) Is it true that they haven't funding for a catheter lab..?
That means no urgent stents. So it's off to North Shore if you have chest pain. Sure hope it's not true.

[Sandra Cassidy](#) Crazy decision! We need a fully functional ED at Mona Vale..... It is already there! Don't close it!

[Mary Mowbray](#) What about surfing accidents, heart attacks, road accidents ?

[Debra Drummond](#) Back 5 years ago the State Govt assured everyone there would be an upgrade of Wakehurst Parkway to access the hospital. Why hasn't that happened prior to the opening? It's disaster waiting to happen in emergencies (with either heavy traffic or flooding). Definitely cannot close emergency services at Mona Vale until this road is upgraded as promised.

[Honor Clarke](#) I'm with you Debra. Even on a Sunday back in 2007 in. Traffic Q witnessing an overturned car, fire truck arrived promptly but ambulance took well over 15 mins - how traffic will get through is beyond me ...

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