

Longueville Private Hospital Healthcare Consultation

Please find the following letters of support provided by Healthcare Professionals and Public Health Departments. These letters provide a non-bias view on our community's need for improved and increased Private Hospital Facilities, which Longueville Private is seeking approval to provide from the Lane Cove Council.
including :

1. North Sydney Local Health Department (LHD)
2. Local General Practitioners
3. Local Rehabilitation Physicians
4. Sydney North Primary Health Network (PHN)
5. Royal North Shore Physio department

Mr Scott Wenkart
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Our ref: NSHD/23/102366

Longueville Private Development and Community Needs

Dear Mr Wenkart *Scott*

Thank you for your time on 15 September 2023. I look forward to our continued discussions.

Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) operates in and directly benefits from a healthcare environment in which a thriving private hospital sector, combined with high rates of private insurance of the local population, allows the two sectors to work in a complementary fashion that supports the sustainability of the public hospital sector.

In comparison with other local health districts, a large proportion of NSLHD residents make use of the many private hospital options available either directly, through elective procedures or indirectly, through inpatient and outpatient sub-acute care services following an acute (often unplanned) stay in the public hospital system.

The private hospital system has historically reduced the demand on the public system, particularly for less complex presentations, allowing the public system capacity to provide life-saving and complex care to our community. It also enhances the public health system's ability to provide care that is sustainable by allowing patient flow from acute care, enabling service demand to be effectively met.

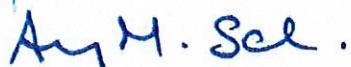
When there are capacity issues in the private hospital sector, for example has been observed with the recent closure of local rehabilitation facilities, the pressure is immediately observed in public hospitals. This is particularly true for our older residents who often require ongoing sub-acute care following their initial acute episode.

The population of older residents in NSLHD is projected to increase rapidly over the next decade and the ability of the private hospital sector to continue its complementary role is essential for the public services NSLHD provides to continue delivery into the future. On this basis, NSLHD is supportive of any efforts designed to maintain or increase local private hospital capacity, particularly in the sub-acute sector.

Please share this letter with relevant stakeholders as appropriate.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention. For further information, please contact Mr Simon Radmore, Director Office of the Chief Executive NSLHD on 9462 9955 or via Simon.Radmore@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Adjunct Professor Anthony M. Schembri AM
Chief Executive

Date: 20.10.2023



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20 October, 2023

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Attention: Lane Cove Council Planning Department.

I am writing on behalf of Sydney North Health Network (Northern Sydney PHN) in support of the proposal by Longueville Private Hospital to develop additional inpatient beds and allied health facilities.

Longueville Private is a Private Rehabilitation Facility that supports Royal North Shore (and other Public and Private Hospitals) by helping discharge private patients into private facilities and reducing bed blocks.

Our understanding is that over the last twelve months there has been a large reduction in private rehabilitation beds in the area with two local private hospitals shutting approximately fifty rehabilitation beds, resulting in underserving private demand, and potentially placing more pressure on Royal North Shore Hospital.

Through consultation with Longueville Private Hospital, it appears that the facility is older and needs more private rooms to improve infection control. There is an opportunity to increase allied health facilities for the community, including a new hydrotherapy pool. The facility will provide greater access to therapies for privately funded patients to treat chronic diseases, and support Community GPs and potentially reduce Emergency Department visits.

Sydney North Health Network cannot comment on local planning and approval processes, but based purely on the needs of the community in this area we are supportive of the proposal.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Barrow
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Letter of Support
Longueville Private Hospital Redevelopment

To Whom it may concern,

I am a Physiotherapist, and I am the Head of the Physiotherapy Department at Royal North Shore Hospital.

I am in support for the development of additional hydrotherapy pools, in this instance at Longueville Private Hospital. There are limited hydrotherapy pools in the lower north shore, these do not currently meet demand and there is growing need.

In my opinion rehabilitation programs require hydrotherapy for the following reasons:

- 1) there are unique benefits conferred through rehabilitation in purpose built hydrotherapy facilities
- 2) aquatic physiotherapy has a strong evidence base supporting effectiveness

As I am a member of the Australian Physiotherapy Association I am also aware that the Aquatic Physiotherapy Interest Group within the association are pressing for more hydrotherapy facilities.

Please contact me with any questions,

Yours sincerely



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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LONGUEVILLE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to support the proposed redevelopment of Longueville Private Hospital.

I have been a visiting doctor there for over 10 years. I am the Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee.

I am also a Longueville resident for over 20 years.

I have no financial interest in the hospital itself

I am aware of the Community concerns but feel the benefits will greatly outweigh the cons.

The Lower North Shore is in great need of rehabilitation beds. Hironnelle Hospital at Chatswood closed down earlier in 2023 and Greenwich is also shutting down its Rehab beds soon , I understand.

Longueville Hospital needs to increase its capacity and functionality to meet this demand.

Patients in a private hospital expect and deserve a private room. Rehab patients tend to stay for weeks or months so a private room is even more important.

Most rooms at LPH are shared with 2 or 4 patients. Most patients find this unacceptable. Most of the patients are elderly and may become confused at night which is also unacceptable if you are sharing their room.

Private rooms decrease infection spread eg Covid 19 and Influenza.

Longueville Hospital also runs Day Rehab and Cardiac Rehab programs. This is a great facility for local residents who do not require hospitalisation. Its use should be encouraged.

The physiotherapy Dept needs a hydrotherapy pool to improve Rehabilitation outcomes.. Many houses in Longueville have a pool so this should not be an issue.

Many houses in Longueville are 2 stories and the hospital will be no taller than these.

There has been a lot of input into the design so the street frontage is attractive and in keeping with the rest of the street.

Overlook to back yards has also been taken into consideration.

Parking should be no greater issue than it is already. We encourage all visitors to use the street parking associated with the local churches to avoid issues.

Ambulances will now arrive at a back entrance which has been an issue with local residents in the past.

I am happy to discuss any issues that may arise.

Yours sincerely

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19/8/22

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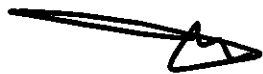
I am a Rehabilitation physician working actively with the Longueville and North Shore community for 5 years. I am in support for the development of more allied health facilities and private accommodation at Longueville private.

More private accommodation will help patients in several ways including higher quality accommodation that allows guests to spend more time with the patient. Private accommodation will also reduce infection spreading which can have severe impacts on patients, especially geriatric, and prevent the patients participating in their rehabilitation program.

From my experience, the introduction of hydrotherapy provides a more wholistic rehabilitation program for my patients receiving slow or fast rehabilitation. This results in better patient outcomes and lower repeat hospital admissions.

There is evidence that hydrotherapy improves rehabilitation outcomes especially with patients with joint problems and pain management. There are limited facilities to provide efficient hydrotherapy rehabilitation in this area, so this planned development will be beneficial for the hospital's healthcare.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Moreena Kwa

Letter of Support
Longueville Private Hospital Redevelopment

19/8/22

To whom it may concern,

I am a General Practitioner working actively with the Longueville and North Shore community for 5 years.

I am in support for the development of more allied health facilities and private accommodation at Longueville private.

The community has an ageing population and increasing health needs for these facilities.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. XX