

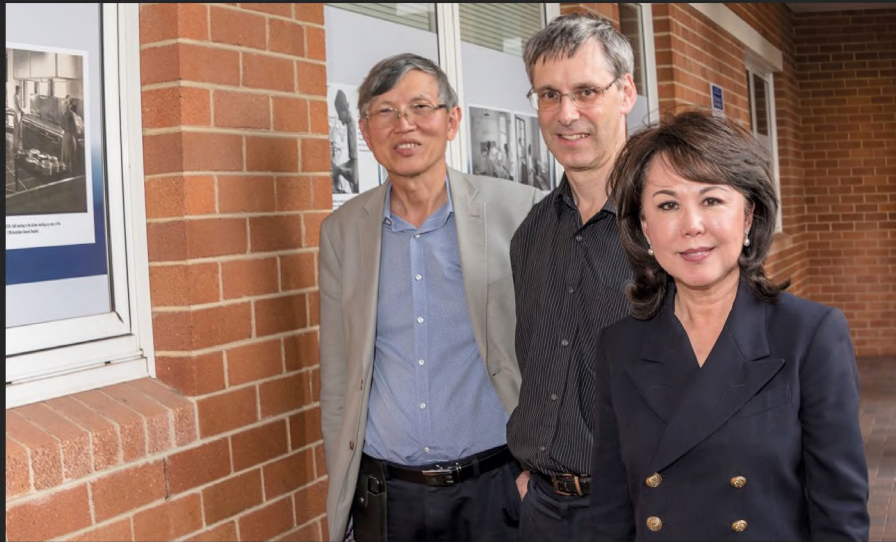
Annexure "I"

Presentation of the SLHD Board 9 Aug 2023 Radiology Issues

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Head of Department of Radiology 2000-2010



Staff in revolt as 'thousands of scans' go unchecked at Sydney hospital

The Sydney Morning Herald. Front page 1st July

Key Issues

Large backlog

Equipment

Procurement

Advocacy for radiology

1: Large backlog

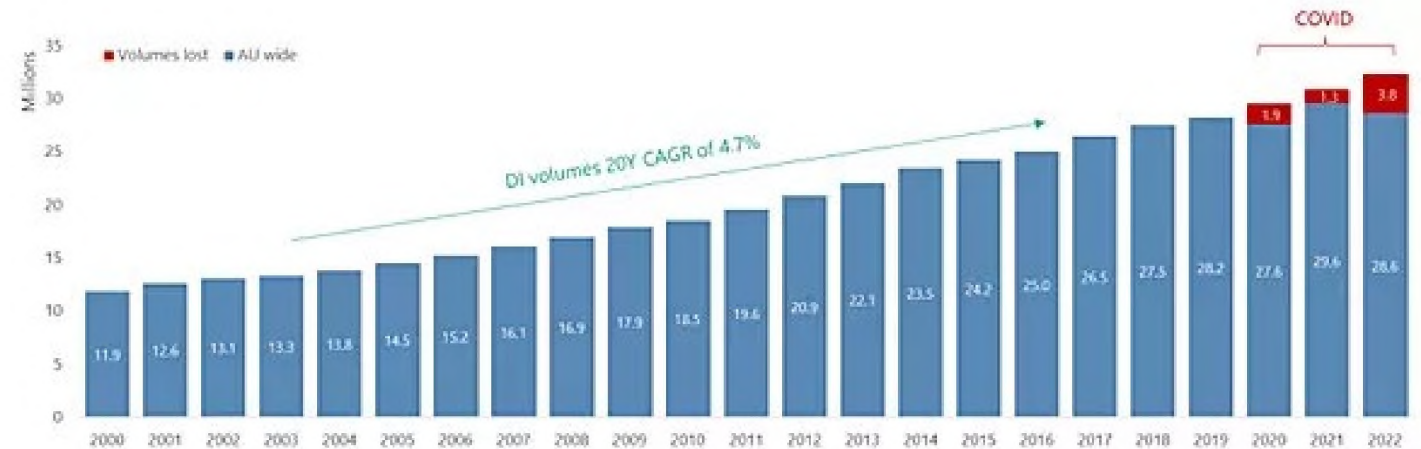
Concord Hospital shock as huge backlog puts patients at risk

The Daily Telegraph
1st July

**Now over
40,000**



Use of Imaging continues to grow



Source: <https://www.livewiremarkets.com/wires/three-asx-stocks-to-play-healthcare-s-return-to-normalisation>

Medicare
expenditure
doubling per
decade



Radiologist numbers

- 2011: 10.6 FTE
- 2019: 10.2 FTE ↓
- 2023: 8.6 FTE ↓↓

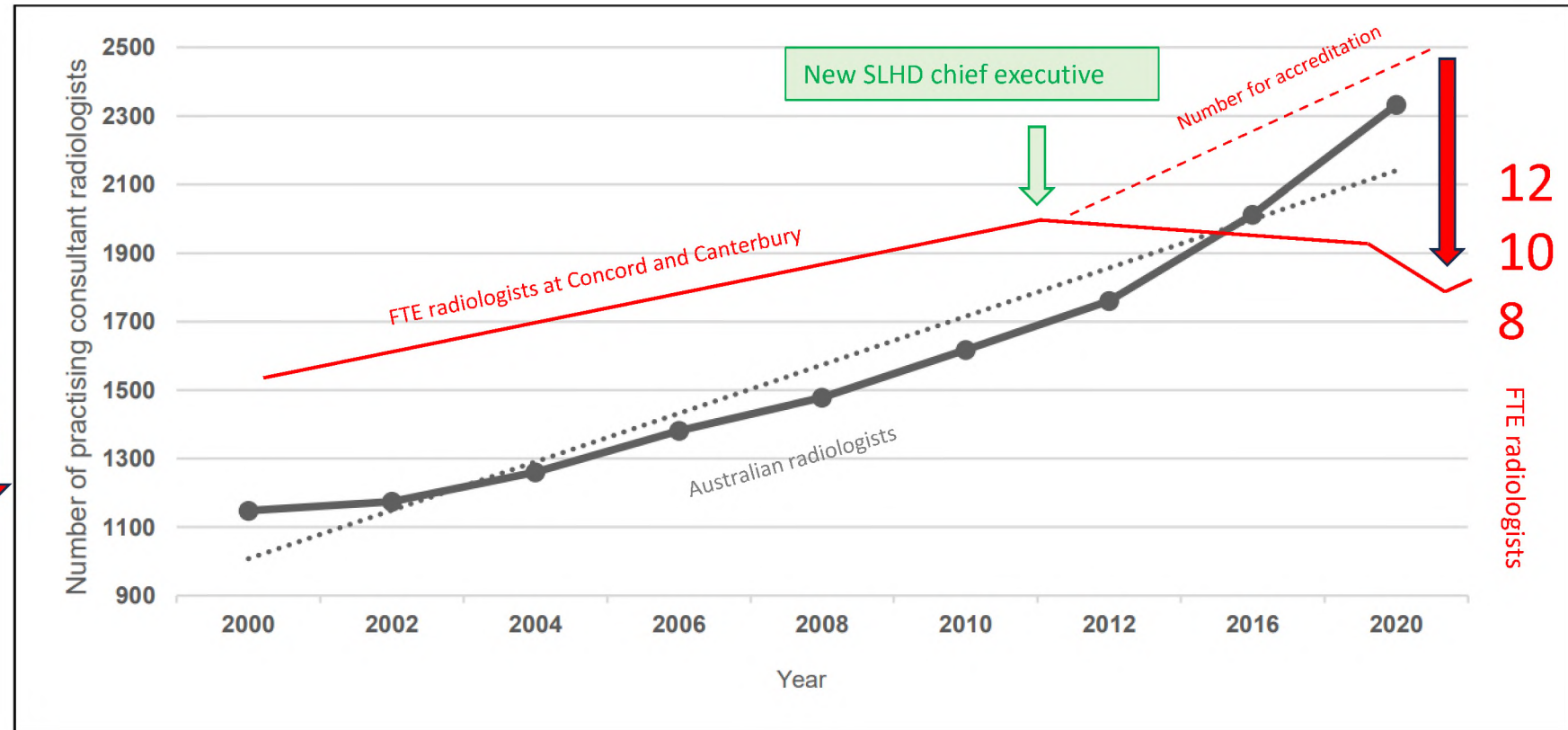


Figure 1: Active radiologists; dotted line indicates trendline (Source: RANZCR membership data)

Radiologists are leaving

- **6 in 8 months**

- 5 left since November 2022 and 1 reduced fraction

- **14 in 3 years**

- 9 left since August 2020 and 5 reduced fraction

- Only 6 remain at original fraction





- Concord radiologists
50% above
benchmark

Workload per
radiologist

News > National

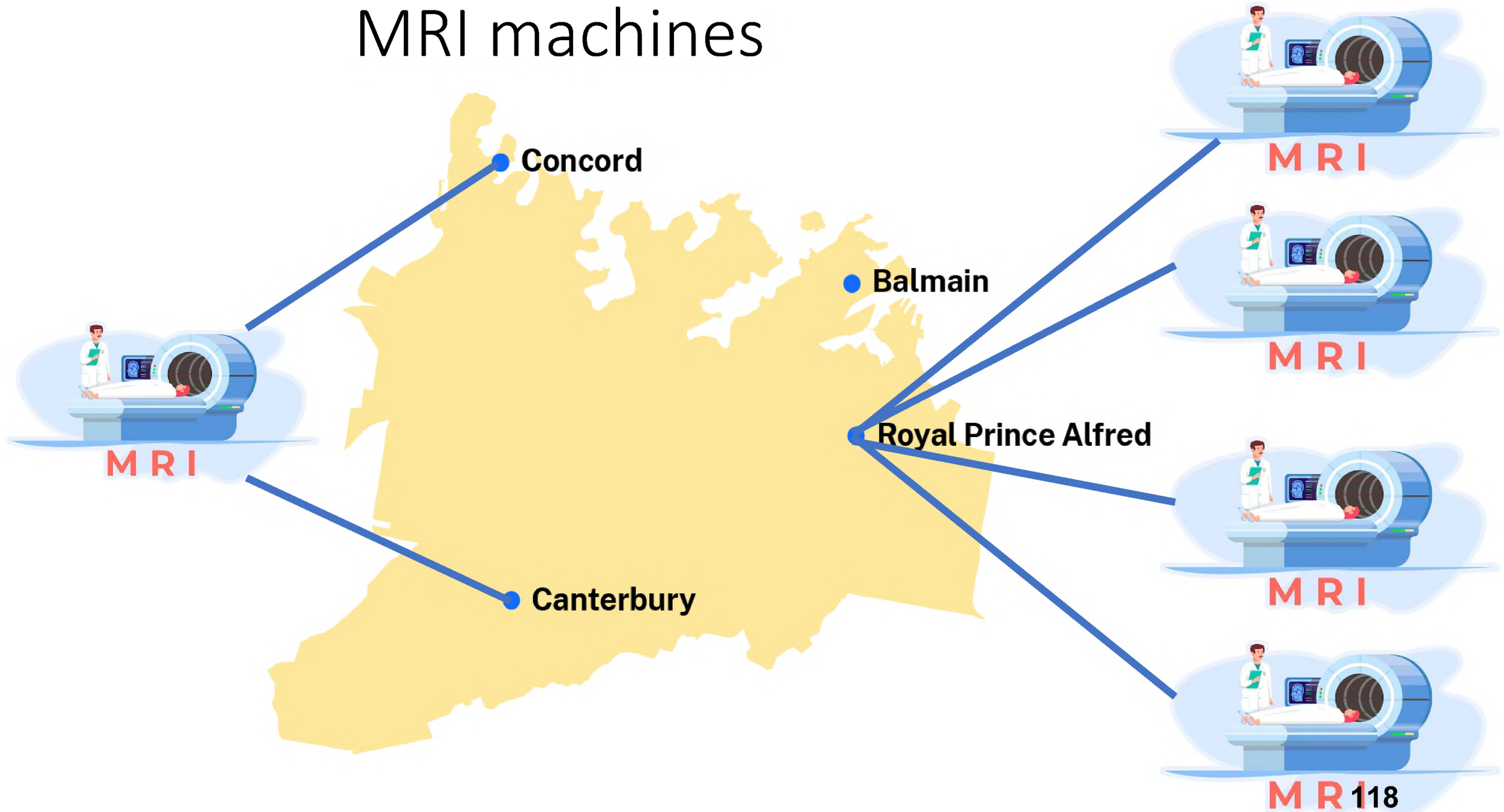
Outraged Concord doctors spied on and warned about referral to corruption body

The Daily Telegraph
10th July

2: Equipment

No new
service in
18 years

MRI machines



3: Procurement

New





Capital sensitivity rule

- Medicare benefits not payable on *old* equipment

4: Advocacy for radiology

Advocacy for radiology

- 2011: ASMOF
 - \$2 – 3 million saved over 5 years (source: subsequent SLHD financial impact statement for replacement of CT stating do nothing cost of \$2million, plus estimate for other items listed in the meeting agenda)
- 2011 to now MSC
 - maintenance of service,
 - out-of-date equipment,
 - second MRI
- 2019: ASMOF
 - CE states that she determines staffing numbers
- 2019: RANZCR (college of radiology).
 - downgrade of accreditation/ need 50% more radiologists
- 2021: DMS
 - Breach of code of conduct
- 2023 Feb. Clinical Quality Council
 - CE states department has poor culture
- 2023 June : MSC
 - (preceding the vote of no confidence in the CE)



4 Key Issues

Large backlog



Major Equipment



Procurement



Advocacy for
radiology

Failure
to
engage

A dirt road winding through a forest with tall grasses on the sides.

**When change is necessary,
not to change is destructive!**

A. R. Bernard

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