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My health areas of interest in regards to delivery of services for public patients .

1. Poor access for specialist services at public clinics for the general public as outpatients.
- 2 . Poor transparency for the public on how to access public health services such as specialists, specialised health tests & specialised imaging . Too many people are unknowingly funnelled into private sector and not told how they can access public services
- 3 . Mona Vale hospital closure and the general demise of public health services for non urgent care medical needs
- 4 .Ambulance service should be a free service or have a special tax levy to cover everyone . Non pensioners and non private health insurance members get slugged hefty bills and this is unacceptable for an emergency service .
- 5 . Dental services need to be included under free health services . There are many health implications with poor dental health .
6. The lack of confidence in Health Ministers to ensure that the work that needs to be undertaken to ensure Medicare is sustainable for future generations of Australians is being let slide
7. Not listening to community . The closing of Mona Vale Hospital is a perfect example as the lack of understanding of the geography of Pittwater onshore and offshore has and will continue to put lives at unnecessary risk in Pittwater .

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