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Dr F Rutter
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Dear Sir

Thank you for your invitation to make submissions to the Auckland Hospital Board's "Strategic Plan".

Having read this document and the little media coverage there has been of its contents we feel that many Aucklanders, especially those consumers whom the contents of this document is most likely to affect, have little or no knowledge of its contents and are not aware of the implications of the proposals contained therein. (Many Public Libraries in the Auckland Region do not even have a copy of the "Strategic Plan".)

Should the proposals in this document be adopted, they will have a profound effect on every family in Auckland. We feel that the time allowed for the receiving of submissions is too short to allow sufficient numbers of Aucklanders to be informed of the contents of, and express their views about, the proposals in this "Strategic Plan". We therefore request that the date for receiving submissions be extended by one month and that the Auckland Hospital Board hold a Public Hearing of the submissions received to this Plan, so that Aucklanders have access to a wide range of information about the proposals and, to ensure that the Auckland Hospital Board is truly mindful of, and accountable to, the people of Auckland when making decisions about health care services in the region.

We await your reply to these requests at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

Brenda Hunter
for Auckland HBA.