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Further to the proposal in relation to the Organic Market move from Frenchs Forest to Mona Vale it is vital that the market is retained - albeit in a new location (less convenient for some but not for me).

The market has been there so long it is part of the "shopping fabric" for all that care about what they buy and brings together a lot of people with shared community values.

It makes organic and fresh produce more widely available and will provide and addition (to the market held at Warriewood Rugby Park on a Friday).

The current Frenchs Forest location serves the Northern Beaches whilst not being on the Northern Beaches (much like the new hospital) and must be retained, unlike Mona Vale hospital which hasn't been.

As the market is on a weekend those that work still have a choice to shop on the weekend . Back when it started the market was one of the few places where Northern Beaches folks could access organic produce; now it is more diversified and no longer purely organic but it provides adequate parking and choice and is loved and used by very many week in and week out regardless of the weather.

Moving it to Mona Vale will be better for me, will give us choice, encourage fresh food consumption and healthy lifestyle and bring a vibrancy to Mona Vale shopping that is currently missing.