

**From:** [Stephanie Thompson](#)  
**To:** [news](#)  
**Cc:** [Rachel Western](#); [Natarjsha Kramer](#); [Phoenix Campbell](#); [Fiona Davidson](#); [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Subject:** BCT Annual Progress Report MRs  
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Afternoon team,

Apologies for the late request we are looking to drop some BCT report highlights to a few outlets prior to Tuesday – can we please get two MRs on:

**In 2023-2024:**

**Support for children, adolescents, and young people**

**\$47.0 million investment**

**181 Front line staff**

- New clinicians to provide clinical in-reach into all existing and new **headspace centres** across Queensland to support timely access and provide additional specialist care and treatment for young people aged 12 to 25 years in **Cairns | Central Queensland | Children's Health Queensland | Darling Downs | Gold Coast | Mackay | Mater Health | Metro North | Metro South | North West | South West | Sunshine Coast | Townsville | West Moreton | Wide Bay.**

**Support for adults and older persons**

**\$57.0 million investment**

**125 Frontline staff**

- Two new **'Hospital in the Home'** program sites to provide an intensive clinical service as an alternative to acute inpatient admissions so that people can remain in their own home in **Gold Coast | West Moreton.**
- Five new **Head to Health Adult Mental Health Services** and seven satellite clinics across Queensland will be established in partnership with the Commonwealth to provide free, accessible, time limited care for adults experiencing high levels of distress. **Five sites to be announced in 2023-2024.**

Due: No later than 11am Monday.

Thank you

Steph

**Stephanie Thompson (she/her)**

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**To:** [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Cc:** [David Sinclair](#); [Olivia Amsden](#)  
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Hi Robert,

The Premier's office have flagged that they are keen to include some information about First 2000 Days and pre-school health screening in the Premier's CEDA Speech on 4 October

They will be putting some significant work into speech preparation next week, is the Dept able to provide some lines that would be suitable for inclusion please? They are conscious of not tying us to anything too concrete at this stage but are certainly keen to say something

Thanks,  
Finn

**Finn Semple (he/they)**

Senior Advisor

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**From:** [Rachel Western](#)  
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Hi again,

One other thought I've had is about having a guide for HHS communication teams when they've been experiencing lengthy days of 'Tier 3 bed capacity' escalation. The Mackay HHS got out in front of a story being leaked after reaching day 10 today – email attached and [story here](#). There wasn't any consultation with the MO but considering Shannon's transparency stance, and our need for better communication with the public, I wonder if there's an opportunity in here as well.

Talk soon!

Kind regards,

Rachel Western  
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**Subject:** QPACH Situation Report: Friday, 11 August 2023 at 3:58 pm

Good afternoon,

Please see below summary of Queensland status from HHS communication received 3:30 PM.

**Facilities reporting Tier 3 bed capacity escalation @ 3:30 PM.**

| HHS                       | Facility             | Tier 3 Activation Date/Time | Tier 3 Deactivation Date/Time | Status       | # Days in escalation | Action Plan   |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---|
| Cairns and Hinterland HHS | Cairns Hospital      | 9 August 2023 7:30 AM       | 11 August 2023 3:45 PM        | Deactivation | 2                    |   |
| Mackay HHS                | Mackay Base Hospital | 31 July 2023 8.25 PM        |                               | Continuation | 10                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referrals to HITH and additional beds.</li> <li>Over census and flex beds in use in multiple areas.</li> </ul> |



|                 |                    |                        |                        |              |   |                             |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------|
|                 |                    |                        |                        |              |   | • Exec / capacity meetings. |
| Metro North HHS | Redcliffe Hospital | 11 August 2023 8:10 AM | 11 August 2023 1:13 PM | Deactivation | 0 |                             |

☐ Facility deactivation of Tier 3 escalation

**QAS:**

- Remains on extreme escalation since 10:25 Thursday 10 August 2023.
- 83 pending with pressure points in the Redcliffe and Caboolture regions.
- 6 facilities at QAS Level 3 Escalation: Caboolture, Logan, Redlands QEII, Ipswich, and Robina Hospitals.
- 1 Facility at QAS Level 2 Escalation: Rockhampton Hospital.
- 1 high risk event today – Mount Isa Rodeo.
- Nil weather concerns.

**RSQ:**

- 21 unassigned cases.
- 22 tasked cases.

**Commentary:**

- Pressure points continue into the afternoon with medical bed demand.
- Strategies to support include:
  - Medical outlying into other areas.
  - Additional rounding to identify discharges step downs or transfers.

Regards,  
Sabina



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**To:** [@HealthMedia](#); [Rachel Western](#)  
**Subject:** MEDIA STATEMENT: Cairns Hospital ED demand surge - media release  
**Date:** Friday, 11 August 2023 9:04:25 AM  
**Attachments:** [10 August CHHHS Cairns Hospital Demand Surge release.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

We wanted to flag the attached release we issued to FNQ media yesterday afternoon.

All the best, Lauren

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**To:** CHHHS-Comms [redacted] [@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@health.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** MEDIA STATEMENT: Cairns Hospital ED demand surge - media release

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a media release on the Cairns Hospital experiencing a surge in demand. Because we are so busy we will not be able to provide a spokesperson on this issue.

Kind regards, Lauren

### Communications and Engagement

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# Media statement

Date 10/08/2023

## Cairns Hospital experiencing surge in demand

CAIRNS Hospital is experiencing a significant volume of patients coming through its Emergency Department.

From Thursday 3 August to Wednesday 9 August, a total of 1719 people have presented to the Cairns Hospital emergency department, with the highest day of presentations at 273 on Sunday 6 August.

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service Chief Executive Leena Singh said the hospital was experiencing high numbers of patients with viral infections such as influenza and also accident-related trauma requiring surgery.

“We have had a constant stream of people arriving at the emergency department and presenting with injuries and illnesses, alongside a significant number of patients brought in via Queensland Ambulance Service,” Ms Singh said.

“Our triage system means that our patients are prioritised for care to ensure those with the highest need are seen first.”

Ms Singh stressed the importance of people facing serious illness or a life-threatening situation to continue to present to the emergency department.

“We would ask anyone with a non-urgent health issue, such as ear aches, sprains, and minor aches and pains to please reconsider attending our emergency departments.

“You won’t be turned away from an emergency department, but those in greater need of emergency treatment will always be prioritised, and people with less urgent need will face a lengthy wait.

“It is still not too late to get a flu vaccination. We encourage everyone to continue to practice good hand hygiene and to wear a mask if you are feeling unwell to avoid transmitting the many viruses circulating at the moment.”



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Alternative care options include contacting GPs, pharmacies, telehealth and other primary health care providers for non-urgent health issues.

“To plan for future growth, we have several initiatives in place to improve hospital performance and increase capacity to ensure we meet future demand and our community’s expectations for a safe, accessible, and sustainable health system,” Ms Singh said.

“The \$26.4 million expansion of the Cairns Hospital Emergency Department is currently on schedule for completion in early-2024.

“The health service is undertaking a range of initiatives such as redesigning and improving the model of care for medical patients; early senior clinical decision making; improving patient flow; and improving our ED mental health services.

“I would like to thank staff for continuing to provide exemplary care during periods of higher demand on our services.”

**For non-urgent health issues:**

- If you’re not sure if your medical condition is an emergency, call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84). Registered nurses are available 24 hours a day. They will advise you on what to do and if you need to go to a GP, pharmacy or Emergency Department.
- In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000) and ask for an ambulance
- For non-urgent care please consider:
  - Telehealth: Search online for Telehealth GPs. Some offer bulk billing. Telehealth GPs can provide consultations, prescriptions and medical certificates remotely.
  - Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84), which is available 24/7. 13 HEALTH has qualified staff who can give you advice on symptoms and conditions, who to talk to, and how quickly you should act.

**ENDS**

**Media contact:** Lauren Dor [REDACTED]

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**To:** [Robert Hoge](#)  
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Hi Robert,

See below for your info what we have just provided to [REDACTED].

Thanks

### Phoenix Campbell

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**Cc:** Natarjsha Kramer [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

**Subject:** EMBARGOED - Media Release

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see below, embargoed until 12am tonight.

Thanks!

### **Cairns Public Hospital Provides Lifeline to Far North Mothers**

The Palaszczuk Government has announced an initial investment of \$5 million to guarantee that birthing services in Far North Queensland will not be disrupted by the closure of maternity services at Ramsay Health Care's private hospital.

The Government has also committed to facilitating employment pathways for any midwife who loses their job with Ramsay's private maternity service.

The Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service has been working closely with Ramsay Health Care to safely transition maternity services for women who were planning to birth at the private hospital.

The additional births will represent only a minor increase in demand, with an average of 187 babies each born at the public hospital compared to just 18 at Ramsay Health Care's private hospital.

The initial investment of \$5 million will provide an uplift in the number of maternity beds available at Cairns Public Hospital.

An agreement has been reached to allow Cairns Public Hospital to utilise available beds at Ramsay Health's Private Hospital. This will allow Cairns Hospital greater capacity to free up services and improve patient flow.

The Member for Cairns, Michael Healy, has worked closely with both the public hospital and Ramsay Health Care to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible for Cairns locals.

**Quotes attributable to Health Minister Shannon Fentiman:**

Our initial commitment of \$5 million will safeguard maternity services in the Far North.

The women of Cairns and Far North Queensland can be absolutely confident that the closure of Ramsay's maternity services in Cairns will not impact their ability to give birth locally.

The transition of services to Cairns Public Hospital will be done in a safe and orderly manner and ensure any disruption to local women is minimised.

From the first day I was sworn in as Health Minister, I have been clear that maternity services are a key priority for me.

**Quotes attributable to Chief Executive, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service, Leena Singh:**

We are proud of the maternity and obstetric services we provide to Far North Queenslanders, and expectant mothers should feel confident that they will always be in good hands at our facilities.

We have a high level of expertise in birthing as well as before and after birth care and support. Additionally, Cairns Hospital has a Special Care Nursery for sick and premature babies.

I am proud of the work our teams do across our Health Service, ensuring women are provided with safe and accessible maternity services.

Our dedicated clinicians and midwives will be working to seamlessly transition the care for each expectant mother to help ensure they have a positive and safe birthing experience.

**ENDS**



**Phoenix Campbell**

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Hey,

Please see question for Dr John Gerrard we have received below. [REDACTED] has advised a deadline of 4PM. Thanks!

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**To:** @HealthMedia [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** from [REDACTED] sorry for the late request could we get a reply asap thanks so much

Hi, in the Covid inquiry just announced by the PM, Health Ministers and the CHOs are not mandated to stand up and give evidence. It is voluntary.

Will the Minister ask Dr Gerrard to stand up at the inquiry and be transparent with the state's handling of the pandemic?

Can we get a statement from Dr Gerrard as to his reaction to the inquiry? Does he think it is necessary so that we are better prepared for the next pandemic?

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**Subject:** RE: Redland Hospital Expansion Project media materials for the sod turn

Hi Brett,

We have updated the MR and QAs and have progressed to SCB, these will eventually make their way through to you.

In the revised MR we have proposed not including a \$ figure as feedback was that it would be extremely inappropriate to quote a figure that was yet to be considered by the delegate. This would take away the power of the Governor to fairly consider the request as an expectation had been set with the community.

We have included the following wording in the QAs to support responses to any questions relating to budget. CLLO were also supportive of the approach and did not support any reference to the proposed revised figure.

### **What is the project budget?**

The originally approved project budget was \$62 million, which includes funding of \$32 million provided by this government and the Commonwealth Government providing funding of \$30 million as part of the Community Health and Hospitals Program for Queensland.

Queensland Health is currently navigating the appropriate governance and approval processes to increase the budget to account for unprecedented escalation in the construction market.

The department has undertaken significant value management on the project and the increase is required to ensure the right outcomes can be delivered to the community.

It is not appropriate to advise on the revised figure at this point in time to ensure the appropriate delegates have time to consider the request.

I hope this has helped resolve the request, let me know if you have any questions.

MC



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Hi Michael

The consensus up here is we need to mention the new costings at the sod turn on Monday.

I will get the GIC minute signed today.

Can HCD work with the Health Comms to get the media materials amended to reflect the new cost please.

Cheers Brett

**Brett Reed** (he/him)

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**From:** [Phoenix Campbell](#)  
**To:** [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Regional Releases  
**Date:** Sunday, 24 September 2023 1:00:32 PM  
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[image003.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)

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Hi Robert

Do you think it is likely we will be able to get these back today?

Let me know if there will be any issues.

Thanks

### Phoenix Campbell

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**From:** Phoenix Campbell  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 5:29 PM  
**To:** 'Robert Hoge' [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; Ben Armstrong [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Natarjsha Kramer [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Finn Semple [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Rachel Western [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Olivia Amsden [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Regional Releases

Hi Robert and Ben

Apologies to lump you with this on a Friday afternoon.

Can we please get the HHSs to add to the regional releases they have done for QoNs 891/952:

- Local data on POST
- Local data on ED wait times
- Local data on Ambulance response times for Code 1As

The releases can then pivot to “and remember, emergency departments are for emergencies” and list specific unusual Cat 5s.

The point is to get on the front foot before the LNP does, even when the data isn’t great.

Apologies, but we will need to get these back by Sunday so that they can be published Monday. Townsville are doing one now too.

Let us know if there will be issues with this.

Thanks

**Phoenix Campbell**

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**To:** [Robert Hoge](#); [Tracey Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Minister Fentiman Presser Link  
**Date:** Thursday, 5 October 2023 10:42:21 AM  
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**To:** [Robert Hoge](#); [news](#)  
**Cc:** [James Farrell](#); [Phoenix Campbell](#)  
**Subject:** GC Paxman scalp cooling machine  
**Date:** Monday, 18 September 2023 6:34:54 AM

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Hey guys,

Is it possible to please quickly pull together a release/statement regarding the Paxman scalp cooling machine on the Gold Coast.

There is an article on the front of the paper today.

The Minister has been very clear that the machine will be funded.

Just looking for a few lines about the machine and a trial that was carried out there... I'm not too sure about it.

But the minister is adamant Queensland Health is funding the machine to be fixed and even if not located at the GC will remain somewhere in the state. I believe it was donated by rotary?

Sorry for the urgency but will need lines by 8am. Please!

Thanks!

Natarjsha

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**From:** [Olivia Amsden](#) on behalf of [Shannon Fentiman](#)  
**To:** [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Subject:** HOLD: Meeting with the DG  
**Start:** Tuesday, 3 October 2023 2:00:00 PM  
**End:** Tuesday, 3 October 2023 2:30:00 PM  
**Location:** Minister's Boardroom

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**From:** [Luke Richmond](#)  
**To:** [Robert Hoge](#); [Luella Lupsic](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting with Min  
**Date:** Tuesday, 8 August 2023 9:22:45 AM  
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Hi Robert,

Do you have availability to catch up with the Min this Friday afternoon?

I've copied in Lu, the Min's EA, who will be able to find the best time if you are available.

Kind regards,  
Luke

**Luke Richmond**

Acting Chief of Staff

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**To:** [@HealthMedia](#); [@HealthPolicy](#); [Michael Walsh](#); [Renaie Tesch](#)  
**Cc:** [External - Waterford Electorate Office](#); [Alice Gilliver](#); [Rachel Western](#); [Monica Irvine](#); [Brett Reed](#); [Helen Brown](#); [Hamish Swanson](#); [Robert Hoge](#); [Olivia Amsden](#)  
**Subject:** MEETING: Min/DG  
**Start:** Tuesday, 12 September 2023 12:00:00 PM  
**End:** Tuesday, 12 September 2023 12:45:00 PM  
**Location:** A15, Parliament

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**To:** [Fiona Davidson](#); [Janet Martin](#); [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Cc:** [Helen Brown](#); [Amanda Medew](#); [SDLO](#); [Rachel Western](#)  
**Subject:** MH Week/Release of BCT Annual Progress Update  
**Date:** Friday, 22 September 2023 6:22:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Happy Friday!!!

Just closing the loop with this one, I sat in on the proactive MO/Strat Comms meeting this morning with Rach in our media team and discussed a bit of a plan for release of progress report/MH week.

### Parliament Sitting Week (9 – 15 Oct)

- (most likely) Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct - release of the report (also World MH Day)
  - Media release
  - Ministerial statement
  - Other Government MPs may want to speak on BCT/Levy investment/highlights, 3 sets of talking points would be helpful. I will have to confirm this later.
- QMHW Parliament Event (Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct)
  - Details/invites still TBC with Minister but date/time locked in for **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm-2pm**
    - MPs to invite local community MHAOD advocates.
    - NGOs
  - Working with QMHC on potential announcements at the event eg. Lived Experience Development Grants, Next round of Certificate 4 in Mental Health Peer Work scholarships (**Timing of these TBC**)
  - Materials – Speech (topics TBC)
- Other potential media ops in this week
  - Communitify – After hours care
  - Open to any other ops with a psychosocial, community focus.

Have a good weekend.

Thanks  
Steph

**Stephanie Thompson (she/her)**

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**To:** [External - Waterford Electorate Office](#); [Michael Walsh](#); [Jacqui Heywood](#)  
**Cc:** [FNHO\\_OCFNHO](#); [Robert Hoge](#); [Karen Bayntun](#)  
**Subject:** Min/DG meeting  
**Start:** Tuesday, 26 September 2023 10:30:00 AM  
**End:** Tuesday, 26 September 2023 11:30:00 AM  
**Location:** Minister's board room

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**To:** [Robert Hoge](#); [Tracey Walker](#)  
**Cc:** [Natarjsha Kramer](#)  
**Subject:** MR - Tomorrow  
**Date:** Thursday, 31 August 2023 2:29:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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[230901 MIN MR - COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Staff v2.docx](#)

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Hi Robert

As discussed, find attached the current draft of the release for tomorrow which has incorporated the Minister's feedback.

Notably, I have removed the DG's quotes (though of course he will be able to provide comment tomorrow), and have put additional emphasis on how this a decision of the CHO based on all relevant health factors. If the Acting CHO's quotes are able to emphasise this point too (e.g. immunity of the population, etc), that would be appreciated.

The only other thing is that I understand there is some further mortality data about Queensland compared to other jurisdictions that your team is finalising. I have left a space for that in the release.

We are hoping to get the release to [REDACTED] ASAP.

Thanks so much

**Phoenix Campbell**

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**Consultation to begin on health staff COVID-19 vaccination requirements**

- Queensland Health will undertake consultation with key stakeholders as it considers removing employee COVID-19 vaccination requirements
- The consultation follows a determination by the Chief Health Officer that a vaccination mandate may no longer be necessary for health workers
- COVID-19 vaccination requirements for health staff were an integral part of the Palaszczuk Government's successful strategy that helped keep Queenslanders safe throughout the pandemic

Following the careful consideration of all relevant factors, and with community safety front of mind, Queensland's Chief Health Officer has determined that it may no longer be necessary to continue COVID-19 vaccination requirements for Queensland Health staff.

This decision has taken into consideration the changing nature of COVID-19, expert health opinion, the safety of employees and patients, and a range of other factors, and is a further step in Queensland's evolving response to COVID-19.

As a result of this decision, a two-week consultation period with staff, unions, patient safety advocacy groups, and other stakeholders will begin on Monday on whether to repeal the current mandate.

Following this, a final decision will be made by the Acting Director-General of Queensland Health.

Queensland Health is the last state government department to continue to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for its staff.

Health Employment Directive No.12/21 was introduced by Queensland Health in September 2021, requiring all employees working in a facility or service where health care is provided, to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The directive was part of a range of successful measures that helped keep Queenslanders safe throughout the pandemic, particularly frontline health workers, with Queensland recording one of the lowest COVID-19 mortality rates in the world.

**XXX INSERT MORTALITY DATA HERE XXX.**

**Quotes attributable to Queensland Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Shannon Fentiman:**

"The Palaszczuk Government's strong response has protected the people of Queensland throughout the pandemic.

“We have repeatedly led by example - demonstrating effective control of community transmission, and while some of the public health measures were difficult, including the staff vaccination mandate, Queensland had one of the lowest mortality rates in the world.

“Queenslanders should be congratulated for following health advice since the beginning of the pandemic and supporting our efforts to keep COVID-19 case numbers low and our state safe.

“The decision to undertake consultation on the vaccination requirement has been informed by advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation, the Communicable Diseases Network Australia, and infectious diseases and infection control experts.”

“We will now let the consultation process with relevant stakeholders run its course before making a final decision.”

**Quotes attributable to Queensland Acting Chief Health Officer Dr Catherine McDougall:**

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**From:** [Rachel Western](#)  
**To:** [Tracey Walker](#); [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Cc:** [Luke Richmond](#); [Natarjsha Kramer](#); [Phoenix Campbell](#)  
**Subject:** Proactive media planning  
**Date:** Tuesday, 22 August 2023 6:32:40 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[Advice note - Connected Community Pathways.DOCX](#)  
[TOWNSVILLE HHS MEDIA RELEASE Townsville man on road to recovery this National Stroke Week .msg](#)  
[FW For information Townsville HHS media release TUH celebrates 20 years of being baby friendly.msg](#)  
[FW Media release Give the gift of life by registering to become an organ donor.msg](#)

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Hi Tracey and Robert,

I hope this email finds you both well and please let me know if you've already made moves in this space. I am hoping we can start the weekly communication of local positive drops to the MO from the 16 HHSs as soon as possible.

I think it is worth fleshing out the detail of the 'division of stories for release' discussed at our most recent MO meeting (thank you for making them weekly Tracey) before this Friday's meeting. I've attached some examples of local stories that fall under 'good news stories relating to patients' and 'local service offerings specific to the HHS'. There is a story dropping tomorrow locally in TCHHS on child development funding with the Allied Health executive promoting on radio stations which is another great example of what we're hoping the HHSs can do on a regular/weekly basis.

Let me know what you're thinking when you can, and we can go from there. I'm keen to have some processes or an idea of them locked down before the end of the week if possible. Available to meet in person or Teams/phone etc.

Kind regards,

Rachel

Rachel Western

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**Cc:** [TownsvilleHHS-Media](#)  
**Subject:** TOWNSVILLE HHS MEDIA RELEASE: Townsville man on road to recovery this National Stroke Week  
**Date:** Wednesday, 9 August 2023 12:58:49 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[Townsville HHS Stroke Forum.JPG](#)  
[David Kisnorbo.jpg](#)  
[MR09082023\\_Townsville man thankful to be alive after suffering a stroke.pdf](#)

Hi all,

Please find attached a press release and photos about a stroke patient. This story coincides with National Stroke Week.

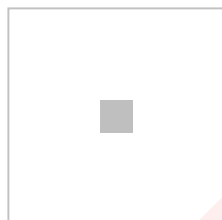
We have also gathered vision and interviews which are available to download at this link:



Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or queries.

Kindest,  
Ash

**Ashley Pillhofer**  
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# SDLO advice note

## Connected Community Pathways 30 May 2023

### FY23 Successful Connected Community Pathways (CCP) Initiatives

| Proposal ID | Proposal Name  | Project Status | Fully Operational | Fully Operational Date | HHS Update  |
|-------------|--|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---|
| DDS008      | Rural Community Integrated Care Network (r-CIC)  | On Track       | Yes               | 11/01/2022             | The initiative is fully implemented with regards to its original intent. Pathways, partnerships, and workforce outlined are established and fully operational. Implementation strategy for upscaling to additional sites framed.  |
| DDS009      | Rural Patient Flow Coordination Team   | On Track       | Yes               | 10/10/2022             | The initiative is fully implemented with regards to its original intent. Pathways, partnerships, and workforce outlined are established and fully operational. 7 day service provision is being maintained and partnerships with QAS, SWHHS, RFDS, RSQ are ongoing.   |
| GOL003      | Closer to Country Heart  | Delayed        | No                |                        | Delays in finalising agreement with Kalwun Health Services have resulted in review of model of care delivery mode. RACF / ACCHO service commencement on track for end of June 2023, however dependent on commissioning activities including: securing clinic location; recruitment and induction of advanced practice nurses to support service delivery. |
| MAC002      | Nurse Led Multidisciplinary Team Secondary/Tertiary Prevention Model of Care for Chronic Conditions (renamed to Together Strong Connected Care (TSCC)) | On Track       | No                |                        | The initiative is nearing the final stages of its establishment phase. It is anticipated that the TSCC program will fully implemented and commence services to deliver the intended outcomes by early June 2023.  |

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|-------------|---|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---|
| MAT004      | Homefront Mater Program   | On Track       | Yes               | 17/01/23               | Exceeding monthly KPI of 12.5 clients per month (150 per year). YTD have seen 80 referrals since mid-January. Mater at Home Service Navigator received 26 referrals, in April 2023. 12 of these clients were referred to MICAH. In April 2023, MICAH Homefront Program has supported 33 people including 9 of the 10 new referrals received through Mater Homefront Program. Out of the 33 participants, three identified as First Nations which constitutes 9% of the caseload. Additionally, 126 occasions of care were recorded in April 2023. |
| MNT013      | Pulmonary and Cardiac Telerehabilitation: Localised hub and spoke for regional, rural and remote Queensland | On Track       | Yes               | 1/01/2023              | All corridors live, with 107 referrals across three corridors. Marketing and patient resources distributed to all corridors and primary care options for improving GP awareness and pathways. Focus on increasing spoke sites, primary care referral pathways via GPLO and standardising referrals with clinical network support.   |
| MST008      | Paediatric Rapid Access Clinic  | On Track       | Yes               | 20/04/23               | All pathways, partnerships and workforce are established.   |
| MST012      | RAPID Project (Rapid Access Pathway for Intervention outside the emergency Department)                      | On Track       | Yes               | 27/02/23               | Feedback from consumers have been consistently very positive.   |
| MST013      | Cancer Rapid Assessment Unit (CRAU)   | On Track       | No                |                        | Site visit to determine scope and design fit, undertaken with stakeholders. Plans completed and endorsed. Released to tenders for cost proposals and timelines for construction.  |
| STW001      | Rural and Remote Integrated Chronic Disease MoC (Specialist Endocrinologist/General Physician)              | On Track       | Yes               | 11/01/2023             | The initiative is currently being delivered as business as usual which is providing consistent, ongoing support to SWHHS clinicians in the delivery of patient care.  |

| Proposal ID | Proposal Name  | Project Status | Fully Operational | Fully Operational Date | HHS Update  |
|-------------|--|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---|
| TVL005      | First Nations Patient Journey Hub  | Delayed        | No                |                        | Revised application from Townsville approved by A/DDG HPSP. New initiative title is 'First Nations Patient Journey Hub'. Original application was titled 'Emergency Department Rapid Assessment and Diversionary Program for First Nations People'.                                     |
| CAH010      | Homeless Integrated Health and Wellbeing Project                                 | On Track       | Yes               | 15/03/23               | 9 patients in total through the program but on-track to spend the full \$800k. This service is provided through a local provider and they are flagging concerns over return on investment.  |
| CHQ001      | Queensland Child and Youth Project ECHO® Hub                                     | On Track       | Yes               | 12/05/2023             |   |
| CHQ003      | Emergency Department Integrated Care Coordinator (ED-ICC).                       | On Track       | Yes               | 11/01/2023             | The ED-ICC initiative has established a model of care supporting a defined response pathway for non-acute psychosocially complex and high needs adolescent cohort presenting and at risk of representing to QCH ED. The model has been reviewed and endorsed through an advisory group. |
| CHQ007      | Achieving Health Equity in the Queensland Children's Health Emergency Department | Delayed        | No                |                        | Five pathways from ED to IUH are in place using Moblink.  |
| GOL002      | Closer to Country Dialysis (C2C-DIALYSIS)  | On Track       | No                |                        | Community Renal Access Nurse CNC commenced 4/04/23. Service commencement on track for end of June 2023, however dependent on commissioning activities.  |
| MNT006      | Urban Indigenous Outreach Respiratory Clinic                                     | On Track       | Yes               | 31/10/2022             | 96 referrals reviewed. 50 new patients seen (does not include review patients).   |
| MNT008      | Working Together to Connect Care (WTTCC)   | On Track       | Yes               | 1/01/2023              | High demand for program continues. 107 patients currently flagged in Frequent ED awaiting consent.  |
| MNT009      | Cardiac Rehabilitation   | On Track       | Yes               | 3/01/2023              | Joint Nurse and Exercise Physiologist assessments conducted across all HHSs/ACCHOs. Successful connections with clients. 4 of 5 locations and 8 of 10 programs rolled out.  |

| Proposal ID | Proposal Name   | Project Status | Fully Operational | Fully Operational Date | HHS Update   |
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|             |   |                |                   |                        | Promotional materials, resources being shared with clients with a great deal of enthusiasm.  |
| MNT011      | Rapid Access to Community Care  | On Track       | Yes               | 10/04/2022             | 205 referrals received. 48 referrals in April.   |
| MNT023      | Pulmonary Rehabilitation  | On Track       | Yes               | 3/01/2023              | Joint Nurse and Exercise Physiologist Assessments conducted across all HHSs/ACCHOs. Successful connections with clients. 4 of 5 locations and 8 of 10 programs rolled out. Promotional materials, resources being shared with clients with a great deal of enthusiasm.   |
| MST003      | The Diabetes Street Hub - an integrative health initiative to improve diabetes care for patients in unstable housing conditions | On Track       | Yes               | 23/03/23               | Key staffing for the project has been completed including the recruitment and commencement of a Clinical Nurse Diabetes and allocation and expansion of specialist time and administrative officer support. Referral pathways have been established. Expansion and further development of the service will continue to be implemented while clinical activities and familiarity with the service increase. |
| MST016      | Better Cardiac Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People  | On Track       | Yes               | 12/01/2022             | Existing initiative since 2015. Funding source transferred to CCP in FY23.   |
| SUN001      | Deadly Access to Appropriate Care   | On Track       | Yes               | 6/01/2023              | Recruitment completed. Embedded into business as usual processes.  |
| SUN014      | Preventative and Health Pathways  | Delayed        | No                |                        | Ongoing recruitment challenges.  |
| TVL009      | The Residential Aged Care Solution Nurse Practitioner Service (RACS-NP)   | Delayed        | No                |                        | Delays in go-live as awaiting community partner agreements.  |
| WMT004      | Low Acuity Emergency Referral Primary Care Model (renamed to West Moreton QAS Diversion to Primary Care)                        | Not Continuing | N/A               | N/A                    | The service will be decommissioned following consensus from the involved agencies that the expected volume of patients was not being realised.   |
| CAH006      | HARRDMICC - Hospital Admission Risk Reduction through Diabetes Multidisciplinary  | On Track       | No                |                        | Diabetes Same Day Service implemented in January 2023 and on target to reduce avoidable ED presentations and potentially preventable hospitalisations.   |

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|             | Integrated Community Care  |                |                   |                        | Specialist Outreach Partnership in Practice is on target to commence June 2023.<br>Inpatient Diabetes Service Model of Care in development and on track to address length of stay and insulin errors.                                    |
| CEQ005      | Better Cardiac Care (BCC) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People                                   | Various        | Various           | Various                | Multi-site implementation. 5 of 8 sites are fully implemented.   |
| CTQ003      | CQ Early Access and Transitional Care Pathway (EAT CP)   | Not Available  | Not Available     | Not Available          | Not Available  |
| MNT014      | Behavioural Emergency Response Team (BERT)- for People with a Disability and Complex Behaviour Support Needs | On Track       | Yes               | 2/01/2023              | Service operational with 113 referrals to date.<br>33 active clients.<br>24/7 operations commenced with approximately one out of hours call per day.   |
| MST001      | CAREPACT 24 Hour Consultant Advice and Expansion of Mobile Emergency Team (MET) Capacity                     | On Track       | No                |                        | 95% implemented at 10 April 2023.<br>Capacity for two MET teams per day, 7 days a week for 94% of the year.<br>24 hour Consultant Advice Line which directly relates to QAS to Emergency Department Equivalent Care (EDEC) in the RACF.  |
| NWT001      | Renal Outreach Service   | On Track       | Yes               | 1/12/2022              | Cloncurry is operating with two patients three days per week.<br>Options to increase capacity to a six day service are being investigated.<br>This will require additional funding for staff travel, accommodation, dialysis oncots etc. |
| TAC005      | Integrated ENT Outreach Model of Service Delivery  | On Track       | No                |                        | Contract negotiations occurring with Cairns next month to discuss standing up formal specialist support contract sharing the load of ENT specialist services between Cairns and Logan hospitals.   |
| WBY004      | Hospital Emergency Avoidance Response Team (HEART)   | Delayed        | No                |                        | Trial commenced 21 November 2022. Likely to be fully operational in June 2023.   |

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|-------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---|
| WMT005      | Preventative Integrated Care Services (PICS)   | On Track              | Yes               | 17/04/2023             | PICS has been fully operational since 17/04/2023. By this date, all key medical, nursing and allied health workforce had commenced and all referral pathways been established, including from primary care. The commissioning team are working to expand the virtual care opportunities of the service, as well as prioritising the service evaluation. This will include capturing patient experience/satisfaction, GP satisfaction, and outcomes of the CCP objectives (via the build of a benefits realisation dashboard). |
| CTW002      | Levelling the Playing Field  | Not Continuing        | N/A               | N/A                    | HHS is not reporting as the virtual care initiatives are not being funded from CCP recurrently.   |
| DDS004      | ED Avoidance Model - Virtual Clinician Support   | HHS to Fund from FY24 | N/A               | N/A                    | HHS is not reporting as the virtual care initiatives are not being funded from CCP recurrently.   |
| DDS006      | Hospital Outreach and Telehealth for the Rural areas of the Darling Downs and South West (HOTRODS) | HHS to Fund from FY24 | N/A               | N/A                    | HHS is not reporting as the virtual care initiatives are not being funded from CCP recurrently.   |
| MNT012      | Virtual ED   | On Track              | Yes               | TBC                    | CCP funding has been provided for FY23 and FY24 but not recurrently from CCP.   |
| SUN015      | Establishment of Sunshine Coast Streamlined DEM Admission Assessment via Virtual ED Service        | Not Continuing        | N/A               | N/A                    | HHS is not reporting as the virtual care initiatives are not being funded from CCP recurrently.   |

### FY24 Successful CCP Initiatives – total value \$67.5 million

| Application ID | Initiative Name  | HHS / Division               | Agreed Funding |
|----------------|--|------------------------------|----------------|
| WMT2401        | First Nations Holistic Wellbeing Service   | West Moreton                 | \$ 2,484,547   |
| TVL2401        | Integrated Adult Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) program for THHS and NWHHS                                      | Townsville                   | \$ 1,692,087   |
| MNT2403        | Heart Outreach Program for Health Equity – The HOPE Project  | Metro North                  | \$ 2,322,205   |
| CAH2402        | Community Liaison Service  | Cairns and Hinterland        | \$ 1,012,607   |
| NTW2401        | North Queensland (NQ) First Nations Skin Health Initiative   | North West                   | \$ 4,687,292   |
| CAH2403        | Closing the Gap with CoMRADe - Communication of Medication Reconciliation at Admission and Discharge Events    | Cairns and Hinterland        | \$ 1,643,769   |
| CHQ2403        | Strengthening Early Intervention Pathways for First Nations Youth (10-17 years) in South East Queensland (SEQ) | Children's Health Queensland | \$ 1,357,536   |

| Application ID | Initiative Name   | HHS / Division                                   | Agreed Funding |
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| NTW2402        | Keeping First Nations Mums and Bubs On Country – An Innovative and Culturally Safe Home-Visiting Model for the North West | North West                                       | \$ 1,766,406   |
| SUN2402        | Footprints - Walking on Country Partnership   | Sunshine Coast                                   | \$ 461,161     |
| GOL2401        | Dental Services for First Nations People  | Gold Coast                                       | \$ 3,592,000   |
| MNT2401        | Older Persons Emergency Network (OPEN)  | Metro North                                      | \$ 2,725,041   |
| QAS2401        | QAS Complex and Frequent Presenter Program  | Queensland Ambulance Service                     | \$ 1,112,894   |
| MST2402        | Cancer Care Continuum Integration and Coordination  | Metro South                                      | \$ 1,010,000   |
| MAC2402        | Bowen Aged Care Nurse Practitioner Service  | Mackay   | \$ 1,216,122   |
| QPH2401        | Joint Action for Integrated Public Health Surveillance, Planning and Response for First Nations communities in SEQ        | Queensland Public Health and Scientific Services | \$ 705,694     |
| CAH2401        | Community Integrated Falls Service: 'CIFS'  | Cairns and Hinterland                            | \$ 4,120,000   |
| DDS2403        | Improving Access to Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities in the South Burnett                       | Darling Downs                                    | \$ 1,309,841   |
| SUN2403        | Sunshine Coast Consultation Liaison Persistent Pain Service   | Sunshine Coast                                   | \$ 2,619,229   |
| NTW2403        | Shared Medical Workforce Innovation in the Remote Lower Gulf  | North West                                       | \$ 1,545,500   |
| OFN2402        | Darling Downs Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program (DDSEWP)   | Office of First Nations                          | \$ 1,774,134   |
| TAC2401        | TCHHS Integrated Child Development Service  | Torres and Cape                                  | \$ 3,625,936   |
| CHQ2401        | Early Parenting Services - Statewide Integration and Digital Expansion Plan   | Children's Health Queensland                     | \$ 1,513,585   |
| CHQ2402        | Networked Child Development Care – Closer to Home   | Children's Health Queensland                     | \$ 1,600,000   |
| GOL2402        | Integrated Multidisciplinary Proactive Risk Identification and Navigation Team (IMPRINT)                                  | Gold Coast                                       | \$ 1,327,611   |
| QAS2402        | QAS Falls Co-Responder (Response and Referral)  | Queensland Ambulance Service                     | \$ 2,803,350   |
| DDS2401        | Darling Downs Child Development Service   | Darling Downs                                    | \$ 2,506,535   |
| CTW2401        | Remote Care Network   | Central West                                     | \$ 1,561,733   |
| CEQ2401        | Community Foot Care Hubs  | Clinical Excellence Queensland                   | \$ 4,832,340   |
| MNT2402        | Bridging the Gap in Pain Management   | Metro North                                      | \$ 3,630,581   |
| WBY2403        | Wide Bay First 2000 Days Support Initiative   | Wide Bay   | \$ 1,400,000   |
| MHS2401        | Mater CALD Health Coordination Service (M-CHooSe)   | Mater  | \$ 929,543     |
| MST2403        | Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI) Community Partnership Initiative  | Metro South                                      | \$ 2,616,520   |

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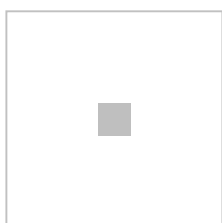
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Hi both,

For your information, please see attached media release.  
Our plan is to provide this to the Townsville Bulletin tomorrow afternoon ahead of World Breastfeeding Week.

Thanks,  
Jayde

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Hi team,

Sorry for not getting back to you sooner.

No issues on our end.

Do you mind FYI'ing the Minister's Office?

Thanks,



Breanna

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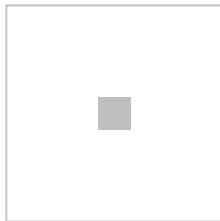
Hi team,

Please see attached media release regarding TUH meeting the 20-year milestone of baby-friendly accreditation.  
We are looking to send this out tomorrow afternoon (post-certificate presentation) to coincide with World Breastfeeding Week next week.

Any concerns, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Jayde

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# DOH DISCLOSURE LOG

## Media release

28 July 2023

### TUH celebrates 20 years of being baby friendly

This year marks 20 years of Townsville University Hospital (TUH) reaching baby friendly accreditation through the Baby Friendly Health Initiative (BFHI).

TUH was the first tertiary hospital in Queensland to gain baby-friendly accreditation and is one of only four hospitals in Australia to reach 20 consecutive years of accreditation.

Director of midwifery Dr Kendall George said the 20-year milestone demonstrated the dedication of TUH staff to mothers and their babies.

“We were the first tertiary hospital in Queensland to achieve baby friendly accreditation back in 2003, and it’s a remarkable achievement to now be celebrating 20 successful years supporting mums and bubs,” she said.

“There are only four hospitals in Australia that have marked this milestone and I am so very proud of the work our staff do in supporting positive breastfeeding outcomes for mothers and their babies.”

The baby-friendly accreditation looks at how TUH has met the 10 steps for successful breastfeeding set out by the World Health Organisation and UNICEF while also looking at how these steps are embedded into the health service’s policies, procedures, and guidelines.

Dr George said while the focus of the BFHI was on how to embed breastfeeding as best practice, the most important thing for the health service was ensuring local women stepped into motherhood feeling empowered and knowing support was there if, and when, they need it.

“Providing information to all mums helps them to make an educated decision on how they would like to feed their babies,” she said.

“There are many health advantages that come from breastfeeding and the research increasingly demonstrates a link between optimal feeding and a reduced risk of developing a range of illnesses and chronic disease.

“Our role as a baby friendly hospital is to ensure all families understand the importance of adequate nutrition, especially within the first 12 months of a child’s life, on the growth and development of the child.

“Providing North Queensland mothers and babies with the very best foundations for their journey together is at the heart of all that we do.”

Australian College of Midwives midwifery advisor Tani Paxton and Queensland Branch Chair Michelle Warriner presented TUH staff with a 20-year accreditation certificate on Friday.

Ms Paxton congratulated TUH on this significant milestone.

“Being recognised as a BFHI accredited facility demonstrates a commitment to exceptional safety and quality standards” she said.

“Women birthing at a BFHI accredited hospital know their breastfeeding journey will be supported and encouraged and that their choices will be respected.”

Ms Warriner said TUH was a wonderful role model to other large facilities in Queensland.

“All staff at TUH working in maternity care participate in BFHI, normalising breastfeeding for women,” she said.

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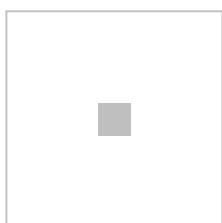
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Cheers,  
Jayde

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Hi Jayde,

Hope you're well.

No issues on our end. Do you mind giving the Minister's Office a heads up?

Thanks,  
Breanna



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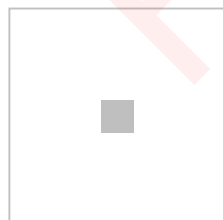
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Hi team,

Please see attached media release we intend to provide the Townsville Bulletin this afternoon for local promotion of Donate Life Week.  
Any concerns, let me know.

Cheers,  
Jayde

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# DOH DISCLOSURE LOG

## Media release

09 August 2023

### Townsville man thankful to be alive after suffering a stroke

A Townsville man is thankful to be on the road to recovery after unexpectedly suffering a stroke while he was getting ready for work.

David Kisnorbo said he felt unwell after waking up one morning but had no idea he was suffering a stroke.

With a blocked artery causing damage to David's brain with each passing minute, time was of the essence.

Thankfully for the 48-year-old, his quick-thinking workmates came to save the day.

"Some of my colleagues came to my house to check on me because I hadn't turned up to work," David said.

"I'm so thankful they did, because when they found me, I wasn't in a good way.

"They got me to the hospital really quickly; if they hadn't done that, I'm scared to think about what could have happened."

After being assessed in the emergency department at Townsville University Hospital, David underwent a clot retrieval procedure.

Interventional neuroradiologist Dr Muhammad Usman Manzoor said David's positive outcome was, in part, thanks to the timeliness of his treatment.

"The main aim of the clot retrieval procedure is to open up the blood vessels as soon as possible so we can limit damage to the brain," Dr Manzoor said.

"On the other hand, if there is a delay in treatment, there's not enough blood flow to sections of the brain, which can cause irreversible damage that results in severe disability or even death."

Clinical director of neurology Dr Ravindra Urkude said stroke was one of the most common causes of death and disability in Australia.

"Every minute that stroke treatment is delayed, almost five million neurons in the brain die," Dr Urukde said.



“But if we’re able to give the patient clot-busting medication, or retrieve the clot through a procedure, the patient has a much better chance of making a full recovery.

“It’s so important the community is aware of the signs of stroke and becomes familiar with the F.A.S.T message.

“F.A.S.T. refers to symptoms in the face, arms and speech, in which case you should call 000 or go to hospital in a timely manner.”

Townsville University Hospital neurology clinical nurse consultant Nerida Myers said the hospital recently hosted a stroke forum for clinicians from around North Queensland.

“We brought together neurology doctors, nurses and radiologists from Cairns and Mackay, as well as emergency department staff from Mount Isa.

“It was a great opportunity for these clinicians to see the process stroke patients go through when they’re transferred to Townsville for treatment.”

This National Stroke Week, August 7–13, Nerida and her colleagues will be spreading life-saving messages about stroke prevention.

“We’re setting up a display at the front of Townsville University Hospital where we’ll be doing blood-pressure checks as well as stroke education that could potentially save someone’s life,” Nerida said.

“A lot of people think a stroke is an older person’s problem, but it’s vital that everyone in our community is aware of the signs.”

That message was echoed by stroke survivor David Kisnorbo.

“I’m so thankful to all the amazing staff at Townsville University Hospital who treated my stroke, and to all those who have since helped in my recovery; everyone has been wonderful,” David said.

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# DOH DISCLOSURE LOG

## Media release

26 July 2023

### Give the gift of life by registering to become an organ donor

Maria Parenti knows the feeling of receiving a call that a donor has been found for a transplant she direly needed.

Maria was born with both kidneys damaged due to reflux nephropathy in-utero, which is a condition where the valve in the urinary tract doesn't close properly and urine backflows to the kidneys causing scarring.

For Maria, this meant that one of her kidneys was the size of a walnut and didn't function, but the other lasted until she was 56 years old with regular dialysis and strictly following the directions of her renal doctor in Townsville, Dr Peter de Jersey.

Maria vividly remembers the night she was told she had a donor and telling her mum that she would get a new kidney.

"I got the call for the transplant at seven pm in early 2017 and I had to double check with my Cairns renal doctor that he had the right patient, and the kidney was really meant for me," Maria said.

"I lived an hour and a half away from the airport in Cairns and I was so scared of going to sleep in case I missed the plane."

Receiving the kidney transplant gave Maria hope and a new lease on life.

"It gave me hope I would see my son grow up and now six years after the transplant, he has found the love of his life and seeing and talking with him always brings me great joy," she said.

"The transplant also gave me the confidence to invest in myself again; at 61 I qualified as a personal trainer working in fitness while I teach part-time."

This week marks DonateLife Week, the annual push to increase the numbers of registered organ donors in Australia.

Across the Townsville local government area, it's estimated only 34 per cent of people over the age of 16 are registered to become organ donors.

Townsville University Hospital organ donation nurse coordinator Mark Singzon said more than 1,800 people had newly registered in Townsville during 2022.

“Anyone over the age of 16 can register to be an organ donor regardless of how old or whether they believe they are healthy enough,” he said.

“Only 2 per cent of people die in a way that makes it possible for their organs to be donated, which is why every single donor registration is important.

“Last year, 77 Queenslanders and their families gifted their organs, saving the lives of 204 Australians.

“It takes just a minute to register to become an organ donor and by doing so, you can gift someone the gift of a longer life.”

Maria seconded this sentiment and said registering to be an organ donor was like giving gold to the recipients.

“Passing on the gift of life is like winning gold, because receiving that gift is gold for the recipient,” she said.

“I want everyone to know that organ transplant recipients are deeply grateful to have been gifted the opportunity to have extra time with their family and loved ones.

“Being a donor is not something everyone can do, but if you are able to be that person, please register or let your family know about your wishes to donate.”

Those in north Queensland needing new kidneys like Maria could also soon receive their transplants in Townsville.

In 2021, Townsville University Hospital was announced as the future location of the North Queensland Kidney Transplant Service and planning is underway to establish the transplant unit.

Register to become an organ donor here: <https://www.donatelife.gov.au/register-donor-today>

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Hi Phoenix ,

Would be worth adding that we understand the concerns some QNMU members have raised and any return to work will be done within the scope of an agreed needs/risk assessment by HHS.

Thanks,  
 Robert

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**From:** Phoenix Campbell <Phoenix.Campbell@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2023 11:02:58 AM  
**To:** Robert Hoge <Robert.Hoge@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** QNMU Vaccine Rally

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Hi Robert

Apparently QNMU will be rallying tomorrow to say that the vax mandate has been lifted too soon.

Do you have a view on whether there's anything more that we should be saying aside from that the decision is based on CHO advice, evidence, still encouraging people to get boosted, etc etc?

Thanks



**Phoenix Campbell**

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**To:** [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Cc:** [Olivia Amsden](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Friday afternoon - TPCB sod turn  
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Thank you so much!!!! Truly truly appreciate!

Maddie

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**From:** Robert Hoge [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 4:34 PM  
**To:** Madeline Cunnington [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Olivia Amsden [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Friday afternoon - TPCB sod turn

Hi Maddie,

Tried calling a little earlier.

All sorted for 2pm tomorrow as you'd requested. Met North is sending through some updated materials for you.

Thanks,  
Robert

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**From:** Madeline Cunnington [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 September 2023 4:07 PM  
**To:** Robert Hoge <[R \[REDACTED\]@health.qld.gov.au](#)>  
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Hi Robert,

Am I able to please follow this up.

Thanks  
Maddie

**Madeline Cunnington**

Advisor

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**From:** Madeline Cunnington**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 12:58 PM**To:** Robert Hoge <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>**Cc:** Olivia Amsden [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>**Subject:** FW: Friday afternoon - TPCH sod turn

Hey Robert,

I was wondering if you could please assist me with scheduling in this TPCH sod turn for MPs (representing the Health Min). I've been back and forth a few times with Metro North and it has been really difficult to get something scheduled in. We initially had to cancel because the Monday we had it pencilled in for was an RDO and the site was closed.

However, since then I have been told by Metro North that this op:

- needed to be on a Thursday or Friday – I then arranged for MPs to be available Friday morning
- needed to be on Friday afternoon – I arranged with MPs for them to be available on Friday afternoon
- is now not workable, despite my being told previously that it *was* workable, “due to a change in executive availability” (see below from Met North).

If there's anything you or the team could do at your end to help us get this booked in, I would really appreciate it. Happy to call as well.

Thanks

Maddie

**Madeline Cunnington**

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 10:14 AM  
**To:** Madeline Cunnington <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; metronorthnews <metronorthnews@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Friday afternoon - TPCH sod turn

Hi Madeline,

Sorry for my delayed response, [REDACTED]. Unfortunately we won't be able to do Friday afternoon due to a change in Executive availability since we last spoke. I'm just trying to ascertain a day/time next week. I'll be in touch.

Thanks,  
Bec

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 9:10:16 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Burn [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; metronorthnews <metronorthnews@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Friday afternoon - TPCH sod turn

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Morning Rebecca and Siobhan

Can I please just check that Friday afternoon is locked in for the TPCH carpark sod turn, and if so, could you please confirm a time so that I can let members know?

Thanks  
Maddie

**Madeline Cunnington**

Advisor

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**To:** [Robert Hoge](#); [Hamish Swanson](#); [Natarisha Kramer](#); [Jess Hogan](#); [Jane Martin](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Immunisation forum - invitee list approval  
**Date:** Friday, 6 October 2023 10:27:41 AM  
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Other stakeholders for inclusion:



Hamish also made the point that it would be good to have the universities represented as well as some prominent academics.

The universities are easy enough to identify but could you please give some thought to the academics that we might be able to invite along?

Kind regards,  
 Luke

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**From:** Luke Richmond  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2023 9:53 AM  
**To:** Robert Hoge [REDACTED]>; Hamish Swanson [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Natarisha Kramer [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Jess Hogan [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; Jane Martin [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Immunisation forum - invitee list approval

Hi Robert and team,

Just letting you know I am back on deck and will be looking after this issue with Hamish.

The invite list looks good.

The only additions that we would like are the vaccine manufacturers like [REDACTED], etc. Please let us know if you need the contact details for these orgs or if you already have them.

We will also do a quick audit of the invitees to the flu vaccine forum we had to see if there are any other groups that were invited to that who didn't make it on to this list.

Kind regards,  
Luke

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**From:** Olivia Amsden [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2023 1:54 PM  
**To:** Luke Richmond [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>; Hamish Swanson <[\[REDACTED\]@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Immunisation forum - invitee list approval

Any feedback

**Olivia Amsden (she/her)**

Senior Policy Advisor

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2023 1:01 PM  
**To:** Hamish Swanson [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Olivia Amsden [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>; Natarjsha Kramer <[\[REDACTED\]@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>; Jess Hogan [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au)>; Jane Martin <[\[REDACTED\]@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Immunisation forum - invitee list approval

Hi Hamish,

Now we have confirmation of a date for the immunisation forum, can we please get your urgent approval on invitees.

Given Oct 20 is two weeks away, we'd like to get invites out by Monday at the latest.

Can you please review the attached list and let us know any changes. As discussed, we will also add a family/survivor meningococcal and are keen to know if there is someone in particular the Min may want to consider Can you also let us know whether the Minister would like to send out invites or whether they can come from the department?

Thanks,  
Robert

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**Sent:** Friday, 29 September 2023 2:51 PM  
**To:** Olivia Amsden [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>

**Cc:** Hamish Swanson [redacted] @ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Natarjsha Kramer [redacted] @ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tracey Walker [redacted] @health.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Immunisation forum

Hi Olivia,

As discussed, we have October 20 down as a tentative date for an immunisation forum.

The Strategic Comms team has progressed options for venues and there are a number of good options. Quotes range from \$3500 to \$7300 for venues in and around Brisbane that hold between 70 to 100 people. On that basis I'm happy to progress booking a venue first up next week but wanted to check first if there had been any update on a finalised date?

We will send Hamish proposed attendees next week and we can discuss issuing invites, depending on our level of confidence the 20<sup>th</sup> will go ahead.

Thanks,  
Robert



**Robert Hoge** (he/him)  
**Assistant Deputy Director-General**  
**Strategic Projects**  
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Thank you very much Robert.

Kind Regards

Lu

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 1:44 PM  
**To:** Luella Lupsic [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Min

Hi Lu,

Yep, that's no problems at all.

Regards,  
Robert

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**From:** Luella Lupsic [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 August 2023 12:34 PM  
**To:** Robert Hoge [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; Luke Richmond  
 <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Min

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Hi Robert

The Minister requests if we can move the meeting to 4.15pm tomorrow (Fri 11 Aug). Can you kindly advise if you can meet at that time.

Kind Regards

Lu

**Luella Lupsic**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023 11:41 AM

**To:** Luella Lupsic [REDACTED] [@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>; Luke Richmond [REDACTED] [@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>

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Hi Lu,

Thanks. That works for me just fine.

Cheers,  
Robert

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**From:** Luella Lupsic [REDACTED] [@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 August 2023 11:39 AM

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Hi Robert

Thank you very much for your email. I would like to schedule the meeting for 2.15 to 2.45pm. Can you kindly advise if you can make this time.

Kind Regards

Lu

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 [REDACTED] [@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Min

Hi Luke,

Thanks. That would be great. I'm free Friday afternoon whatever time best suits the Min.

Robert

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**From:** Luke Richmond [REDACTED] [@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
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Hi Robert,

Do you have availability to catch up with the Min this Friday afternoon?

I've copied in Lu, the Min's EA, who will be able to find the best time if you are available.

Kind regards,  
Luke

**Luke Richmond**

Acting Chief of Staff

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Wonderful, thank you. It will be in the Minister's boardroom on level 37, 1 William Street, if you call me at the security desk or have them call me I can come down and collect you.

Kind Regards

Lu

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023 10:18 AM

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**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Min

Hi Luke,

Thanks. That would be great. I'm free Friday afternoon whatever time best suits the Min.

Robert

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**From:** Luke Richmond [REDACTED] [@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>

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**Subject:** Meeting with Min

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Hi Robert,

Do you have availability to catch up with the Min this Friday afternoon?

I've copied in Lu, the Min's EA, who will be able to find the best time if you are available.

Kind regards,

Luke

**Luke Richmond**

Acting Chief of Staff

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**To:** [Robert Hoge](#); [Tracey Walker](#)  
**Cc:** [Luke Richmond](#); [Natarjsha Kramer](#); [Phoenix Campbell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proactive media planning  
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Thank you Robert and team, sounds great.

Kind regards,

Rachel

Rachel Western

Media Advisor

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**From:** Robert Hoge [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
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**To:** Rachel Western <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Tracey Walker [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Luke Richmond [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Natarjsha Kramer [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Phoenix Campbell [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Proactive media planning

Thanks Rachel,

Yes - we're ready to go. Tracey has flagged it with the HHS and the team has worked up a process document to put a bit of shape around it. Ben will have that to you for review tomorrow and can discuss Friday, if not beforehand.

Cheers,  
 Robert.

**From:** Rachel Western <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 August 2023 6:31 PM  
**To:** Tracey Walker [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; Robert Hoge [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Luke Richmond [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Natarjsha Kramer



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**Subject:** Proactive media planning

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Hi Tracey and Robert,

I hope this email finds you both well and please let me know if you've already made moves in this space. I am hoping we can start the weekly communication of local positive drops to the MO from the 16 HHSs as soon as possible.

I think it is worth fleshing out the detail of the 'division of stories for release' discussed at our most recent MO meeting (thank you for making them weekly Tracey) before this Friday's meeting. I've attached some examples of local stories that fall under 'good news stories relating to patients' and 'local service offerings specific to the HHS'. There is a story dropping tomorrow locally in TCHHS on child development funding with the Allied Health executive promoting on radio stations which is another great example of what we're hoping the HHSs can do on a regular/weekly basis.

Let me know what you're thinking when you can, and we can go from there. I'm keen to have some processes or an idea of them locked down before the end of the week if possible. Available to meet in person or Teams/phone etc.

Kind regards,

Rachel

Rachel Western

Media Advisor

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**To:** [Ben Armstrong](#); [Rachel Western](#)  
**Cc:** [Tracey Walker](#); [Robert Hoge](#); [news](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Regional releases  
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Thanks very much Ben. I can double check them with Brett.

**From:** Ben Armstrong <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 9:19 AM  
**To:** Natarjsha Kramer [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Rachel Western [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Tracey Walker [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; Robert Hoge [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; news [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Regional releases

Hi Natarjsha,

We'll draft something quickly, but in the meantime, here are the numbers (these haven't been double checked by HCD).

CEP

- New Coomera Hospital – \$1.3 billion investment that will deliver around 121 beds
- New Toowoomba Hospital – \$1.3 billion investment that will deliver around 118 beds
- New Bundaberg Hospital – \$1.2 billion investment that will deliver around 121 beds
- New Queensland Cancer Centre – \$750 million investment that will deliver around 150 beds
- Redcliffe Hospital Expansion – \$1.148 billion investment that will deliver around 204 additional beds
- Ipswich Hospital Expansion Stage 2 – \$710 million investment that will deliver around 200 additional beds
- Logan Hospital Expansion Stage 2 – \$530 million investment that will deliver around 112 additional beds
- Townsville University Hospital Expansion – \$530 million investment that will deliver around 143 additional beds
- QEII Hospital Expansion – \$465 million investment that will deliver around 112 additional beds
- Princess Alexandra Hospital Expansion – \$350 million investment that will deliver around 249 additional beds
- Prince Charles Hospital Expansion – \$360 million investment that will deliver around 93 additional beds
- Cairns Hospital Expansion – \$250 million investment that will deliver around 96 additional beds
- Mackay Hospital Expansion – \$250 million investment that will deliver around 128 additional beds

- Hervey Bay Hospital Expansion – \$40 million expansion that will deliver around 35 additional beds
- Robina Hospital Expansion – lease arrangement that will deliver around 114 additional beds

## AIDP

- Ripley Satellite Hospital Site Modular Sub-Acute Expansion - 90 more beds
- Gold Coast University Hospital Modular Expansion - \$70 additional beds
- QEII Hospital Modular Wards - 28 more beds
- Redland Hospital Modular Wards - 28 more beds
- Robina Hospital Transit Lounge Expansion - 20 additional beds
- Princess Alexandra Hospital Renal Refurbishment - 8 additional beds
- Cairns Sub-Acute Expansion - lease arrangement that will deliver 45 additional beds

Thanks.

Ben Armstrong

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**From:** Natarjsha Kramer [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
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**Cc:** Tracey Walker [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au)>; Ben Armstrong <[\[REDACTED\]@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@health.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@health.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Regional releases

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Hey,

Thanks Robert for getting together a long-stay patients release this morning to circulate to regional media, greatly appreciated!

We've had a few regional journos ask us about tier 3 escalations (Courier Mail front page) – so the minister has asked if we can also put together a broader release, including what beds will be added to each main regional hospital.

Is it possible to please get a draft release sorted in the next hour or so – similar to the long-stay – where we speak about the big build/investments but then can include what is being done individually for each region.

Thanks!

**Natarjsha Kramer**

Principal Media Advisor

**Office of the Hon. Shannon Fentiman MP**

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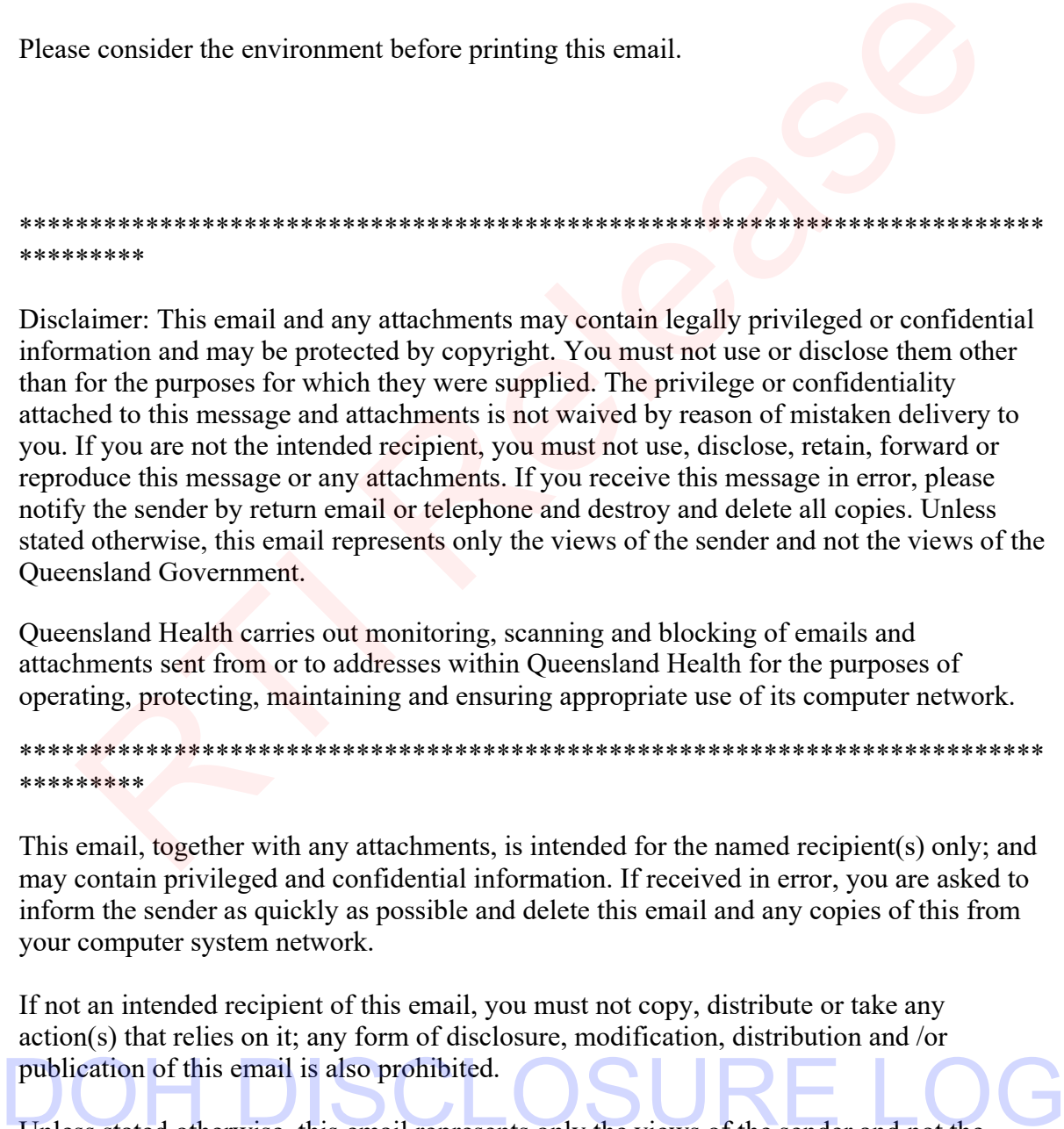
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**From:** [Phoenix Campbell](#)  
**To:** [Michael Walsh](#); [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Cc:** [Natarjsha Kramer](#); [Rachel Western](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Media Release  
**Date:** Monday, 18 September 2023 8:54:31 AM  
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Thanks so much Michael.

This looks great.

### Phoenix Campbell

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**From:** Michael Walsh [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2023 8:51 AM  
**To:** Phoenix Campbell [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Robert Hoge  
[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Natarjsha Kramer [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Rachel Western  
[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Media Release

Phoenix

I have made a few changes in the attached for you consideration. Happy to discuss.

Michael



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**Cc:** Natarjsha Kramer <[REDACTED]r@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Rachel Western <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Updated Media Release

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Hi DG and Robert

Can you please confirm if you have any issues with the attached release?

Thanks

### Phoenix Campbell

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**DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE****Scalp cooling machine to be back in action as soon as possible to assist Queenslanders undergoing cancer treatment**

Health Minister Shannon Fentiman has confirmed that a machine designed to reduce hair loss during chemotherapy will continue to support patients undergoing chemotherapy on the Gold Coast.

The Health Minister met with breast cancer survivors last month on the Gold Coast, who told her how important the machine was to their wellbeing.

The Minister immediately brought this to the attention of her Director-General to assist the GCUH in immediately finding a solution.

The machine is being used as part of a trial on the Gold Coast to judge its effectiveness in helping reduce hair loss in cancer patients.

During the trial the chair malfunctioned which resulted in the trial being suspended. The Gold Coast University Hospital however has confirmed the machine is being repaired so the trial can continue.

Queensland Health is also working with the GCHHSUH to investigate whether additional oncology chairs can be added ~~to the ward~~ so that even more patients can receive chemotherapy treatment. ~~take part in this very important trial.~~

**Quotes from Health Minister Shannon Fentiman:**

"I have met with women who took part in this trial and understand just how important this service is for people undergoing cancer treatment - especially women."

"I am committed to ensure this service will remain available.

"As soon as I became aware of this situation, I asked Queensland Health to immediately find a solution so that these patients could continue to participate in the trial.

"Chemotherapy is hard enough – these women deserve to have world class care while receiving their treatment.

"Once the evaluation is complete, I would love to see this scalp cooling treatment rolled out to other public hospitals across Queensland.

"Completing the trial is the right thing to do."

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**From:** [Natarisha Kramer](#)  
**To:** [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Cc:** [Brad Gardner](#); [Tracey Walker](#)  
**Subject:** RE: VAD  
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Thanks so much!!

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 1:19 PM  
**To:** Natarisha Kramer [redacted]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Brad Gardner [redacted]@health.qld.gov.au>; Tracey Walker [redacted]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** VAD

Hi Natarisha,

Here you go.

Let us know if you'd like us to flag with VAD and the media team will sort that out.

Thanks,  
Robert



**Robert Hoge** (he/him)  
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**To:** [Jane Martin](#); [Robert Hoge](#)  
**Cc:** [SDLO](#); [Stephanie Birch](#); [SPRcorro](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Women's health roundtables  
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Apologies - just me again here is another list to invite to the Logan roundtable.

Thank you  
 Steph

**From:** Stephanie Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 3:18 PM  
**To:** 'Jane Martin' <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; Robert Hoge  
 [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au  
**Cc:** SDLO <SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>; Stephanie Birch [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>;  
 SPRcorro [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Women's health roundtables

Thank you so much. Unfortunately, I have more events to add to the list:

- **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1:30 -3pm** change from Moreton Bay to Gold Coast
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 4pm – 5:30pm** - this one will be Brisbane Central as it is a Parli week.
- **Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11am** (Redlands) timing might change.
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11am** (Moreton Bay) timing for this one also might change.

Thank you for pulling this altogether. Give me a call if you need.

Thanks again  
 Steph

**From:** Jane Martin [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 12:35 PM  
**To:** Stephanie Thompson <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Robert Hoge  
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**Cc:** SDLO <SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>; Stephanie Birch <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>;  
 SPRcorro <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Women's health roundtables

Hey Steph

Thanks for sending this through.

The team are working on pulling together the details for Friday. I have let them know the preference is for the Butter Factory.

We are checking in to see if Shoshana is available Friday. If she isn't, we will certainly find another facilitator.

As for Thursday's event in Townsville. We have booked one of the available rooms (142) at JCU. We thought that would be best given the Min has another event there following this. Shoshana is locked in and will be facilitating this one. Chole Prudden and Izzy Curley who are part of Shellee's team will be attending on behalf of DoH. We are going to catch up with Chloe this afternoon to revise the run sheet as the one developed for the Sunny Coast was for a two-hour session, so we need to cut down by 30 minutes for roundtables this week. We will send you a revised version following this.

We will update the invitations etc to reflect the change in language to a roundtable moving forward.

Finally, we will certainly invite the people the local MPs suggested and add the MPs to the attendance list.

If there is anything else you need, please let me know.

Thanks

Jane

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**Subject:** Women's health roundtables

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Good morning Jane,

Just flagging that the Premier would also like to attend at least one of the roundtables – we do not have confirmation of which one but flagging for the team's awareness.

**Logan** - In the attached e-mail are women from the Minster's electorate that she would like to be invited.

- Will Shoshana also facilitate this one?

**Townsville** – The local MPs would like the people in the attached list also invited.

- Les Walker, Member for Mundingburra and Arron Harper, Member for Thuringowa will also be attending.

- Can I just confirm where we landed with the venue?
- Shoshana mentioned she will be also facilitating this one.

Can I also confirm who will be the dept. rep attending?

Also, the Minister wants to call them roundtables, not forums

Thank you,  
Steph

**Stephanie Thompson (she/her)**

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**Subject:** Tentative Women's Health Forum Dates  
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Hi Robert,

I understand that you are acting David while he is away. Following conversations earlier in the week regarding women's health forums see below tentative dates for discussions going forward.

Thursday **28<sup>th</sup> September** – Townsville (**confirmed and in progress**)

Friday **29<sup>th</sup> September**, 9:30am – 11am – Logan (most likely women in the Minister's electorate) This one will have a focus on the CALD women.

Thursday **5<sup>th</sup> October**, 1:30pm – 3pm – TBC Moreton Bay/Ipswich (This one could potentially change to the 6<sup>th</sup>).

The following week is a sitting week – will not likely have another forum before consultation closes.

At the stage, these dates, times and locations are tentative. Will have solid confirmation from the Minister on Monday.

Thanks  
Steph

**Stephanie Thompson (she/her)**

Policy Advisor

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Hi DG and Robert

Can you please confirm if you have any issues with the attached release?

Thanks

**Phoenix Campbell**

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**DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE****Scalp cooling machine to be back in action as soon as possible to assist Queenslanders undergoing cancer treatment**

Health Minister Shannon Fentiman has confirmed that a machine designed to reduce hair loss during chemotherapy will continue to support patients undergoing chemotherapy on the Gold Coast.

The Health Minister met with breast cancer survivors last month on the Gold Coast, who told her how important the machine was to their wellbeing.

The Minister immediately brought this to the attention of her Director-General to assist the GCUH in immediately finding a solution.

The machine is being used as part of a trial on the Gold Coast to judge its effectiveness in helping reduce hair loss in cancer patients.

During the trial the chair malfunctioned which resulted in the trial being suspended. The Gold Coast University Hospital however has confirmed the machine is being repaired so the trial can continue.

Queensland Health is also working with the GCUH to investigate whether additional oncology chairs can be added to the ward so that even more patients can take part in this very important trial.

**Quotes from Health Minister Shannon Fentiman:**

"I have met with women who took part in this trial and understand just how important this service is for people undergoing cancer treatment - especially women."

"I am committed to ensure this service will remain available.

"As soon as I became aware of this situation, I asked Queensland Health to immediately find a solution so that these patients could continue to participate in the trial.

"Chemotherapy is hard enough – these women deserve to have world class care while receiving their treatment.

"Once the evaluation is complete, I would love to see this rolled out to other public hospitals across Queensland.

"Completing the trial is the right thing to do."

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**From:** [Rachel Western](#)  
**To:** [Robert Hoge](#)  
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[Summary of VAD challenges with Commonwealth Code .docx](#)

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Morning Robert,

Please see attached sent through to Jackie Skinnerton on Friday 4 August. Would you be able to work with Catherine in getting the details of the families in the de-identified case studies (word doc attached above)?

If not, are we able to find a more recent case study where the family would be willing to make comment? Shannon is keen to have this information when she returns from leave tomorrow. Let me know if there's anything we can do to assist on this end.

Kind regards,

Rachel Western

Media Advisor

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The Honourable Mark Dreyfus QC MP  
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Dear Attorney-General

*Mark*

As you may be aware, the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2021* (the VAD Act) has been enacted following passage by the Queensland Legislative Assembly. The VAD Act is due to commence on 1 January 2023.

Queensland's Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) scheme is based on the Queensland Law Reform Commission's (QLRC) report, *A Legal Framework for Voluntary Assisted Dying*, Report No. 79, May 2021, which was tabled in the Queensland Parliament on 18 May 2021.

The QLRC identified the need to amend relevant Commonwealth laws to clarify that VAD, which is authorised and lawful under state or territory law, does not constitute 'suicide' for the purposes of sections 474.29A (Using a carriage service for suicide related material) and 474.29B (Possessing, controlling, producing, supplying or obtaining suicide related material for use through a carriage service) of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cwth). Recommendations 20-1, 20-2 and 20-3 of the QLRC report refer specifically to this issue.

The Parliamentary Health and Environment Committee that examined Queensland's VAD legislation also made two recommendations about this matter as follows:

- the committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government amend the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cwth) by inserting a definition declaring that 'suicide' does not include voluntary assisted dying carried out lawfully pursuant to a law of a state or territory; and
- the committee recommends that as a matter of urgency the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions issue prosecutorial charging guidelines indicating that the offences in sections 474.29A and 474.29B of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cwth) will not be prosecuted where a doctor or other person is acting in accordance with the procedure outlined in state or territory voluntary assisted dying laws.

It is imperative that action be taken to ensure persons providing information about Queensland's VAD scheme are not liable under the Commonwealth Criminal Code offences of using a carriage service to publish or distribute material that counsels or incites committing or attempting to commit suicide.

The Queensland Government is particularly concerned that, without Commonwealth legislative change, individuals suffering and dying in Queensland's regional, rural, and remote areas will be significantly impacted. Access for these people to the VAD scheme will be greatly impaired if forms of communication involving a carriage service cannot be used to



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obtain relevant information and advice, for example, through telehealth services. Concerns are also held about the possible criminal liability of health practitioners who lawfully, under the Queensland legislation, provide advice about the VAD scheme. These potentially devastating impacts must be avoided.

As you would be aware, due to the primacy of Commonwealth law under the Australian Constitution, the only way to definitively resolve this issue is for the Commonwealth Government to amend the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cwth) to expressly exclude participation in lawful state VAD schemes. Accordingly, I urge you to consider making such changes as a matter of urgency.

I understand that the Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, recently raised this issue with you and note that the Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympics, had been engaging with the former Australian Government to try and seek a resolution to this matter.

The issue is relevant to a number of other jurisdictions that have enacted VAD schemes and was also previously discussed at the Meetings of Attorneys-General (MAG) on 12 November 2021. At this meeting jurisdictions were asked to:

- note the uncertainty about the possible application of Commonwealth 'carriage services' to state voluntary assisted dying laws;
- request the Australian Government to consider amending the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cwth) to insert a definition declaring that 'suicide' does not include VAD carried out lawfully pursuant to a law of a state or territory; and
- agree that, as a matter of urgency in the interim, the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions should issue prosecutorial charging guidelines indicating that the offences in sections 474.29A and 474.29B of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cwth) will not be prosecuted where a doctor or other person is acting in accordance with the procedure in state and territory VAD laws.

While I note the agenda is yet to be finalised, I understand that VAD may be discussed at the forthcoming MAG meeting on Friday, 12 August 2022. I have therefore copied our state and territory counterparts into this correspondence.

If you have any questions in relation to the above, I invite you to contact my Chief of Staff, Laura Fraser Hardy, on (07) [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED] [@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



**Shannon Fentiman MP**

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## Summary of VAD challenges with Commonwealth Criminal Code

### Commonwealth Criminal Code

- The *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2021* (Qld) (the Act) explicitly provides that a person who dies as a result of administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance in accordance with the Act does not die by suicide, and is taken to have died from the disease, illness or medical condition from which the person was suffering.
- However, the Commonwealth Criminal Code contained in the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) (Criminal Code) provides that it is an offence to use a carriage service (for example, telephone, videoconference, email and other forms of electronic communication) for 'suicide related material', being material which:
  - counsels or incites suicide or attempted suicide; or
  - promotes or provides instructions on a particular method of committing suicide.
- The Queensland Act cannot override Commonwealth legislation, and there is risk that aspects of the Queensland voluntary assisted dying process would amount to an offence under the Criminal Code if conducted over a carriage service.

### What are the Criminal Code offences?

- Sections 474.29A and 474.29B of the Criminal Code create offences which apply to the use of a carriage service in relation to 'suicide related material'.
- The Criminal Code provides that it is an offence to:
  - use a carriage service for suicide related material;
  - possess, control, produce, supply or obtain suicide related material for use through a carriage service.
- The maximum penalty for contravention of the Criminal Code offences is 1,000 penalty units (\$222 per penalty unit).
- Relevant definitions in the Criminal Code include:
  - 'Carriage service' means "a service for carrying communications by means of guided and/or unguided electromagnetic energy". A carriage service includes telephone, video, email and other forms of electronic communication.
  - 'Material' has a broad definition as including "material in any form, or combination of forms, capable of constituting a communication." The definition of material is not limited to written forms of communication. For example, written or verbal information provided by a practitioner during a discussion about the voluntary assisted dying scheme would be 'material'. Material will be considered 'suicide-related material' and therefore material which could involve a breach the Criminal Code if it promotes or provides instructions on a particular method of suicide, or counsels or incites suicide or attempted suicide.
  - 'Communication' is also broadly defined to include "any communication ... whether between persons and persons, things and things or persons and things". All forms and combinations of forms of communication are within the scope of this definition. For the purposes of the Criminal Code, communications that are carried out using a carriage

service during various stages of the voluntary assisted dying process will be communications that could give rise to an offence.

### **Guidance for Voluntary Assisted Dying Practitioners**

The following activities must be conducted face to face. There is a risk they would amount to an offence under the Criminal Code if conducted over a carriage service.

- A consultation between the Coordinating Practitioner and a patient about making an administration decision, in accordance with s.50 of the Act. This is likely to involve detailed discussion about the administration options, the method of administration, instructions on how the substance is administered and the person's ability and concerns about administration.
- The Coordinating Practitioner prescribing the voluntary assisted dying substance, including transmitting publishing or otherwise distributing the prescription. The Coordinating Practitioner must post, courier, or hand deliver the prescription to the Queensland Voluntary Assisted Dying Pharmacy Service.
- The Coordinating or Administering Practitioner instructing the person about how to prepare and self-administer the voluntary assisted dying substance. This must be done in person. The Queensland Voluntary Assisted Dying Pharmacy Service will be able to provide assistance.
- The Coordinating, Consulting or Administering Practitioner providing any other information to a person which:
  - urges or advises a person to access voluntary assisted dying, or
  - encourages practitioner administration or self-administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance, or
  - provides instructions on practitioner administration or self-administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance.

### **Examples of impact**

The Director the Queensland Voluntary Assisted Dying Support and Pharmacy Service, Professor Elizabeth Reymond, has provided the following examples of where the Commonwealth Criminal Code laws impede access to voluntary assisted dying:

Prescriptions cannot be sent electronically as this would breach the Commonwealth Criminal Code. Prescriptions sent by express post and registered mail have been lost in the mail requiring the prescription to be rewritten and posted again. Prescriptions can take a week or more to arrive at the Pharmacy Service in Brisbane from around Queensland. The consequence of this for patients in their last days and weeks of life who are suffering intolerably is extremely distressed patients and their families. For example:

- The coordinating practitioner for a patient in a small town in western Qld posted the prescription for the VAD substances for practitioner administration. One week later the prescription had still not arrived at the Pharmacy service and unfortunately the coordinating practitioner had to urgently travel overseas for a family emergency. The VAD process had to be started again with a different doctor based in Brisbane to enable a new script to be written. As the patient was deteriorating 20 family members had gathered. The doctor travelled from Brisbane



that day to the patient in regional Queensland, to reassess the patient in person, write the script and travelled again the next day from Brisbane for practitioner administration. The Criminal Code barrier meant delays waiting for the prescription that couldn't be sent electronically and the travel involved for in-person doctor assessment when the person had already been assessed by two doctors.

– An elderly patient who lived 2 hours from a remote town in western qld had to travel to see the coordinating doctor while extremely unwell as the doctor could not afford the time for travel. The patient deteriorated and was oxygen dependant and could no longer travel to see the doctor. This required a different doctor from Brisbane to be available for the person and the Pharmacy Service travelled from Brisbane to the person to deliver the VAD substances.

- The current laws are limiting access to VAD for patients in rural and remote areas of qld
- The requirements of having to post a script in the mail, then have a practitioner travel large distances once the script has been received to deliver it results in a lengthened care period

Clinicians supportive of being contacted to discuss:



■ supports VAD services across the state and have significant experience in the challenges the Federal Laws pose in providing equitable services across the state



■ is passionate about improving access to VAD services across the state no-matter where a patient resides and independent of the supports they have around them

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**To:** [Luke Richmond](#)  
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**Cc:** [Matthew Rigby](#); [Luke Richmond](#)  
**Subject:** Covid and Flu bed occupancy.  
**Date:** Thursday, 3 August 2023 6:00:43 PM  
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Evening Michael,

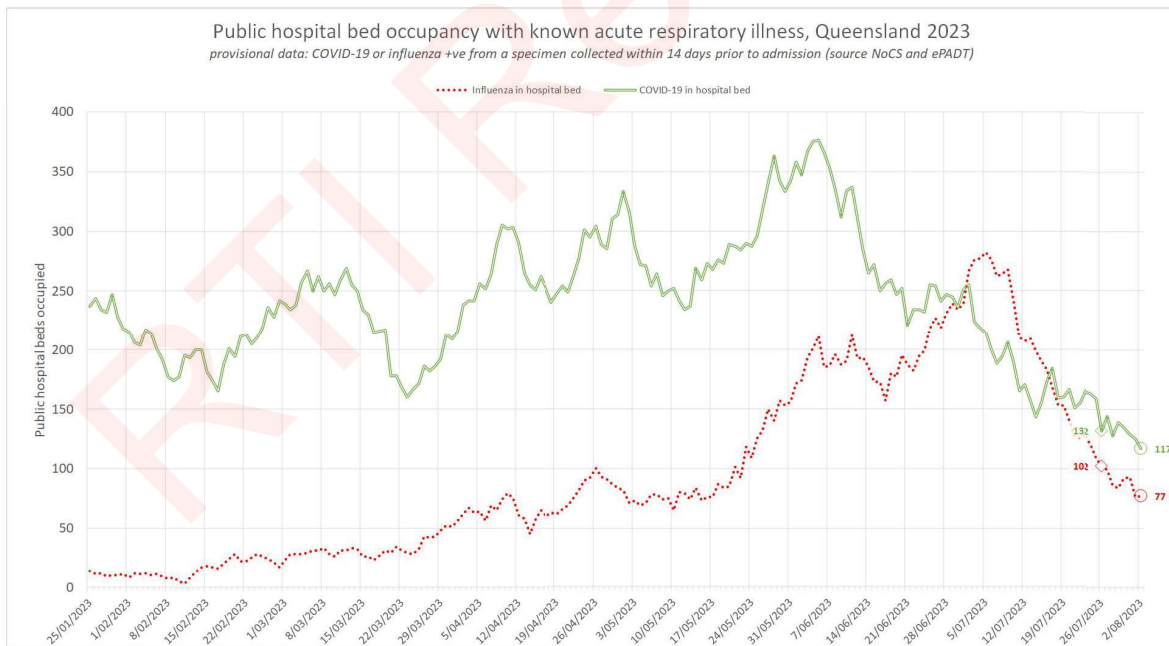
Here's some info on Covid bed numbers.

You can say tomorrow: "This week almost 200 (194) hospital beds were occupied by patients who had either been diagnosed with Covid or the Flu - 117 with Covid. 77 with influenza. And that's after a few weeks of a downward trend.

Luke, this aligns with the Min's comments of more than 100 beds being taken up with Covid patients. But the extra detail may be helpful if you want it.

Detail - from NOCS - is below.

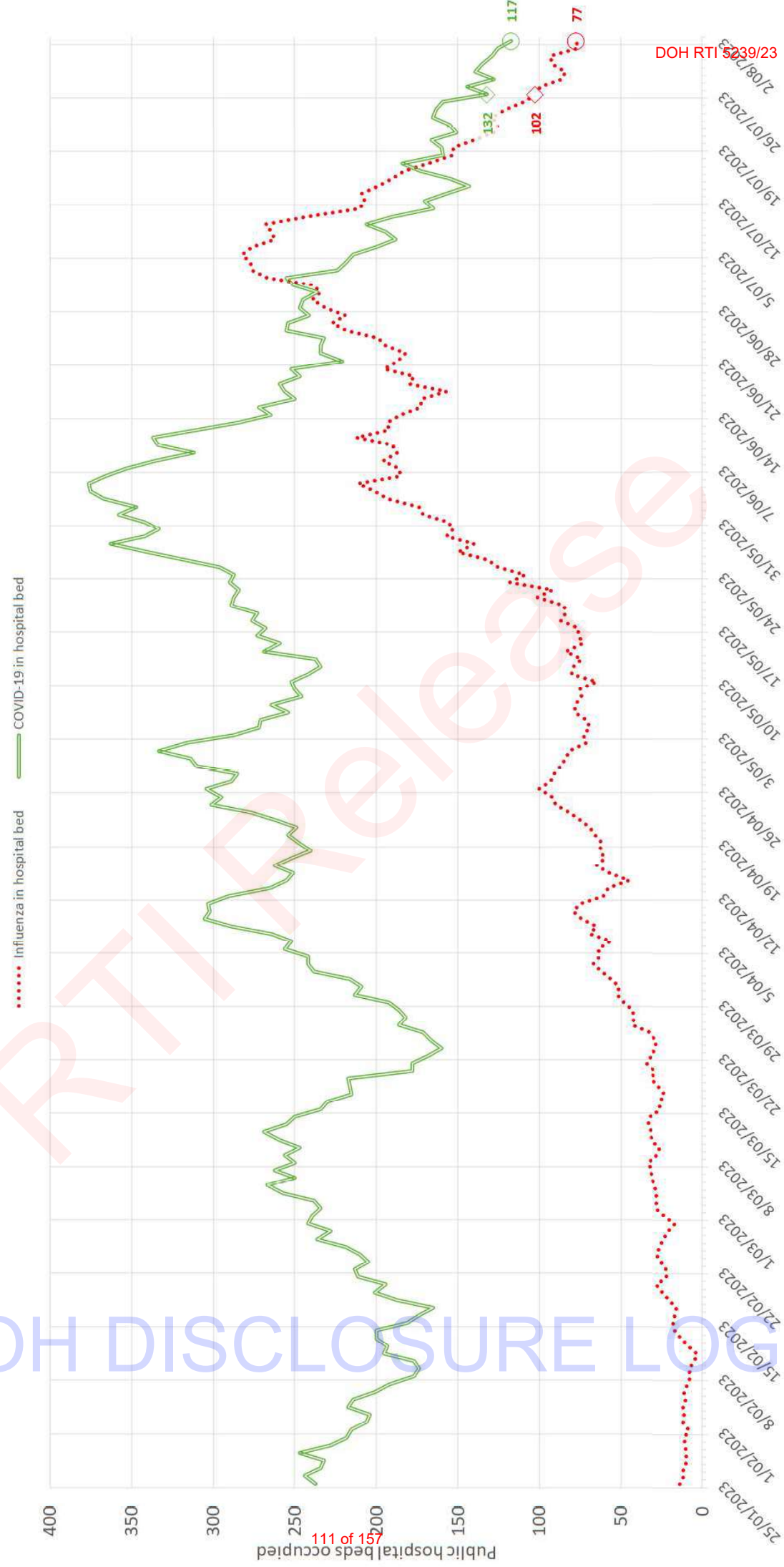
Robert



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# Public hospital bed occupancy with known acute respiratory illness, Queensland 2023

provisional data: COVID-19 or influenza +ve from a specimen collected within 14 days prior to admission (source NoCS and ePADT)



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**Cc:** [news](#); [Tracey Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Draft media release: Scalp cooling machine to remain on the Gold Coast  
**Date:** Monday, 18 September 2023 7:21:00 AM

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Morning Michael, Nat

Draft media release for the Min on the GC is below. Michael, can you confirm it's okay from your end please.

Nat, I'll be driving in about 10 minutes but the media team can make any changes if you need them.

Thanks,  
Robert

#### DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

##### Scalp cooling machine to remain on the Gold Coast

- Gold Coast University Hospital will repair a scalp cooling machine used to help prevent hair loss during chemotherapy treatment.
- The system was being trialled before it malfunctioned.
- The hospital is also currently looking to expand oncology beds.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service has confirmed a machine that may help reduce hair loss in people undergoing chemotherapy will be repaired and continue to be used.

The machine was being used as part of a trial on the Gold Coast to judge its effectiveness in helping reduce hair loss in cancer patients.

The HHS this morning confirmed the machine will be repaired so the trial can continue.

While the machine impacts on oncology chair capacity in the Cancer and Blood Disorders Day Unit, the HHS will investigate finding a suitable part of the hospital to continue its use.

The hospital is also looking to expand the number of oncology chairs available.

Quotes from Health Minister Shannon Fentiman:

"I understand how important this issue is for people undergoing cancer treatment - especially women."

"The hospital will look at where the machine can be located so it doesn't impact on the number of cancer patients who can be seen."

"Completing the trial is the right thing to do."

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**Subject:** RE: Cairns maternity

Hi Robert

Thanks for this and we're happy to do an advert if there's assistance to help pull it together.

FYI, below are the key messages we'd developed.

We were planning on a social media post and had given some thought to also linking it to a news story on our website for those who want extra info.

I've attached a copy of our approved media statement. Note that the first para is deliberately worded about our capability rather than the situation (as that's ramsay's role to announce).

#### Key messages

- Cairns and Hinterland HHS is working closely with Ramsay Health Care to methodically and safely transition maternity services for women who were planning to birth at the private hospital.
- We have a well-resourced service that provides exemplar and safe care for mothers and their babies.
- We are proud of the maternity and obstetric services we provide to Far North Queenslanders, and expectant mothers should feel confident that they will always be in good hands at our facilities.
- We will be expanding our staffing to help us care for the women and babies that choose to come to our hospitals.
- This will – of course - include employing extra staff, and recruitment is already underway.

Kind regards

Salli

**Salli Graham***Director, Communications and Engagement*

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# Media statement

25 August 2023

## Cairns Hospital to provide services to Ramsay private hospital birthing and maternity clients

### **Please attribute to Leena Singh, Chief Executive, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service**

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (HHS) operates a comprehensive and safe maternity and birthing service for women across Far North Queensland.

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On average each month, 187 babies are born at Cairns Hospital and each year more than 2,700 babies are safely delivered across our hospitals.

We provide birthing services at Cairns, Innisfail, Atherton and Mareeba Hospitals.

We have a high level of expertise in birthing as well as before and after birth care and support. Additionally, Cairns Hospital has a Special Care Nursery for sick and premature babies.

We will be expanding our staffing to help us care for the women and babies that choose to come to our hospitals.

This will – of course - include employing extra staff, and recruitment is already underway.

I am proud of the work our teams do across our Health Service, ensuring women are provided with safe and accessible maternity services.

Our dedicated clinicians and midwives will be working to seamlessly transition the care for each expectant mother to help ensure they have a positive and safe birthing experience.

**ENDS**

Media contact: 



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Hi Natarjsha,

As discussed.

Robert

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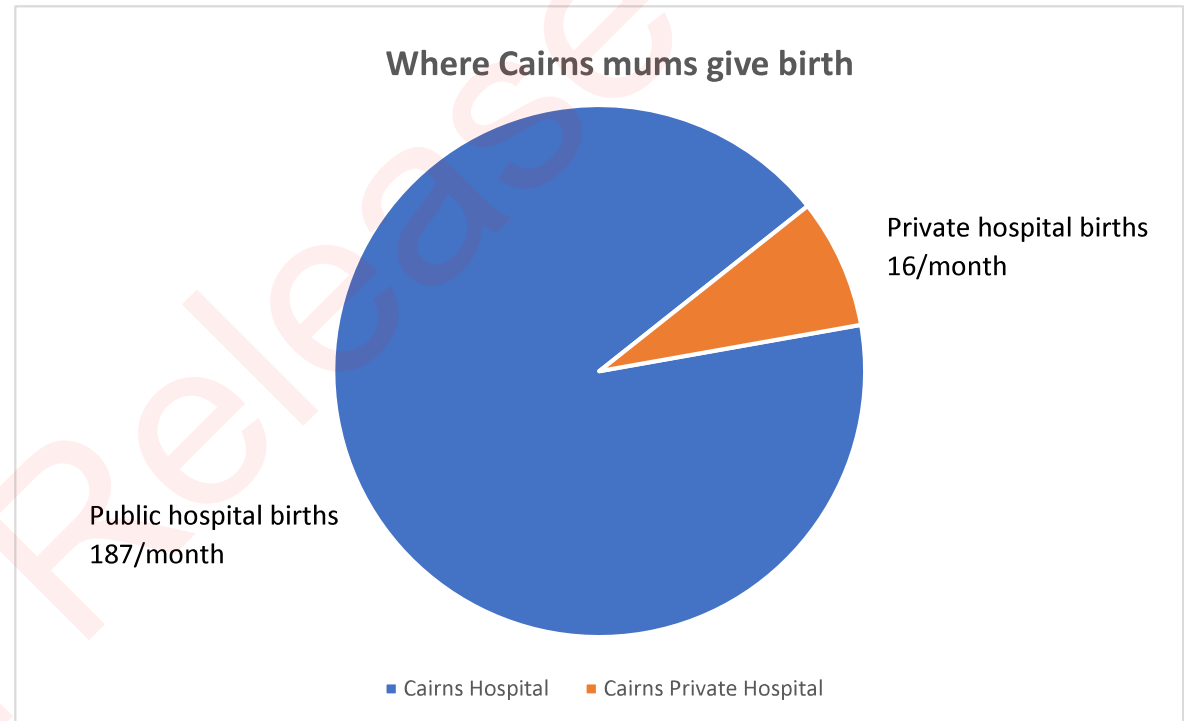
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# Maternity services in Cairns - safe and secure

## A message from Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service

- HHS to provide words
- Sad to see announcement from Ramsay Health Care yesterday about Cairns Private Hospital maternity services.
- Want to acknowledge important role they have played in providing care to mums and newborns from the region.
- Reassure cairns community - especially mums about the safety and security of birthing in Cairns.
- Reality is more than 90% of births happen in the public system already. We're ready to take on what amounts to an extra birth every two days in the public health system.



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# 2023 Queensland Immunisation Forum

## *Vaccination Matters for All*

Week of 16 October 2023 (tbc by MO/SDL0 pending availability)

### AGENDA

|              |  |   |
|--------------|--|---|
| 9:00 am      | Welcome to Country   | Facilitator<br>First Nations Elder  |
| 9:10 am      | Minister's Welcome   | Hon Shannon Fentiman<br>MP, Minister for Health,<br>Mental Health and<br>Ambulance Services and<br>Minister for Women |
| 9:20 am      | Opening Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global, national context (including NIP)</li> <li>• Chief Health Officer Report – Health of Queenslanders and Vaccine Preventable Diseases</li> </ul> | Dr John Gerrard   |
| 9:40 am      | The community perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing first-hand from a member of the public impacted by vaccine preventable disease</li> </ul>   | TBC   |
| 9:50am       | Vaccine preventable diseases in a paediatric context   | Dr Sophie Wen   |
| 10:15 am     | Vaccine preventable diseases and immunisation data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPD epidemiology - concerns</li> <li>• AIR coverage data - trends</li> </ul>                                       | Prof Ross Andrews<br>Prof Kristine Macartney  |
| 10:35 am     | Round table discussions / post-it note activity<br>Focus question: <i>Where are the gaps? What are the barriers? How can we improve NIP and Qld activity?</i>  | All participants  |
| <b>11.00</b> | <b>BREAK</b>   |   |
| 11:10        | Knowledge and attitudes about immunisation. Working with communities to improve whole of pop coverage.   | Prof Margie Danchin   |
| 11:30        | Panel: Boosting communication and engagement   | Behavioural scientist<br>Strategic Comms rep<br>Health Consumers Qld  |
| 11:50        | Round table discussions / post-it note activity<br>Focus questions: <i>What communication strategies can improve vaccination uptake? How do we connect with hard to reach populations?</i>                     | All participants  |

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|-------|--|---|
| 12:20 | Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Themes / issues raised in table discussions</li><li>• Solutions focused opportunities for action</li></ul> | Refer to suggested panel members list following |
| 12:50 | Closure and Summary  | Facilitator                                     |

**13:00 LUNCH**

**Suggested panel members: (five/six from the list)**

1. Dr John Gerrard, Chief Health Officer
2. Haylene Grogan, Chief First Nations Health Officer
3. Prof Margie Danchin, Consultant Paediatrician
4. Health Consumers Queensland representative
5. Primary Health Network representative
6. Dr Sophie Wen, Senior Medical Officer, Queensland Children's Hospital
7. Strategic Communications Branch representative
8. Prof Kristine Macartney, Director NCIRS
9. Sharon Jurd, Director Gold Public Health Unit

**Speaker biographies (to be finalised):**

**Dr Sophie Wen**

Senior Medical Officer, Queensland Children's Hospital

**Prof Ross Andrews**

Former Chair ATAGI

Professor Australian National University

Epidemiologist, Menzies School of Health Research and Director MAE Program at National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health.

**Prof Kristine Macartney**

Professor Kristine Macartney is the Director of the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS), a paediatric infectious disease consultant at The Children's Hospital at Westmead and a Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney.

**Prof Margie Danchin**

Prof Danchin is a consultant paediatrician at the Royal Childrens Hospital and Clinician Scientist, University of Melbourne, and Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI).

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Nat,

I'd suggest adding quotes:

"I met with cancer patients on the Gold Coast several week ago and the hospital had been looking at the best way to resolve this issue.

"I want patients to know that the hospital is addressing these issues immediately."

Thanks,  
 Robert

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Morning Michael, Nat

Draft media release for the Min on the GC is below. Michael, can you confirm it's okay from your end please.

Nat, I'll be driving in about 10 minutes but the media team can make any changes if you need them.

Thanks,  
Robert

#### DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Scalp cooling machine to remain on the Gold Coast

- Gold Coast University Hospital will repair a scalp cooling machine used to help prevent hair loss during chemotherapy treatment.
- The system was being trialled before it malfunctioned.
- The hospital is also currently looking to expand oncology beds.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service has confirmed a machine that may help reduce hair loss in people undergoing chemotherapy will be repaired and continue to be used.

The machine was being used as part of a trial on the Gold Coast to judge its effectiveness in helping reduce hair loss in cancer patients.

The HHS this morning confirmed the machine will be repaired so the trial can continue.

While the machine impacts on oncology chair capacity in the Cancer and Blood Disorders Day Unit, the HHS will investigate finding a suitable part of the hospital to continue its use.

The hospital is also looking to expand the number of oncology chairs available.

Quotes from Health Minister Shannon Fentiman:

"I understand how important this issue is for people undergoing cancer treatment - especially women."

"The hospital will look at where the machine can be located so it doesn't impact on the number of cancer patients who can be seen."

"Completing the trial is the right thing to do."

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Hi Natarjsha,

Draft release is attached. I've highlighted where numbers need to be inserted using your data.

Thanks,  
Robert

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## Draft media release

### New figures reveal impact of long-stay hospital patients

- XX long-stay patients are currently occupying hospital beds in REGION
- Long-stay patients typically include aged care residents and people with disability
- Queensland is working with the Commonwealth and providers to get people out of hospital sooner.

Long-stay patients continue to occupy a significant number of beds in Queensland hospitals.

New figures released today showed XX hospital beds in REGION are currently being used by long-stay patients.

Queensland is investing more than \$11 billion in health infrastructure projects, and a broad range of programs and initiatives, to relieve pressure on the public health system. The Queensland Health Big Build will deliver around 2,200 additional overnight beds between 2024 and 2028.

A significant number of existing hospital beds are occupied by aged care patients residents who don't need high acuity care but cannot find a place in an aged care facility.

A large number of people with disability who could live in the community if a suitable place was available are also occupying hospital beds.

Queensland is continuing to work with the Commonwealth to ensure these people have the accommodation they need in the right

Quotes from Health Minister Shannon Fentiman

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Hi Phoenix,

Looks good.

One suggestion. Perhaps we could make one tweak to the event description:

*Hear directly from the Hon Shannon Fentiman, Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women, with a keynote address on the work the Queensland Government is doing to deliver a better healthcare system, grow good jobs across the state and foster a healthier economy for all Queenslanders.*

Adds a specific reference to 'jobs'. Might help promo the local jobs campaign.

Thanks,  
 Robert

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Hi Robert

CEDA are chasing some final approvals for various comms materials they want to send out.

Specifically, they want feedback on this page:

My proposed amendments are highlighted:

1. Change **title** to *"Building a Healthier Economy: the Challenges and Future of Healthcare in Queensland"* (note, this will also change the title on the registration flyers you saw earlier).
2. Change the **subheading** beneath the title to:  
*Join CEDA's audience and Queensland's Health Minister Shannon Fentiman to discuss the Government's health priorities, the challenges we face, and the work being done to safeguard the health and wellbeing of communities across the state.*

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*Don't miss the chance to put forward your questions and gain valuable insights into the future of healthcare in Queensland.*

I've attached the current draft structure of the speech for your info – with workforce strategy as the big announcement. The words above are drafted to be a bit more vague, in case that announcement has to change for whatever reason.

Can you please provide some feedback on all this and let me know your thoughts?

We're keen to get these to them today as it's overdue (EA has been on leave etc).

Thanks

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Great. Thank you.

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Thanks Phoenix.

Appreciate it.

Cheers,  
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**Subject:** FW: EMBARGOED - Media Release

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Hi Robert,

See below for your info what we have just provided to [REDACTED]

Thanks

**Phoenix Campbell**

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Hi [REDACTED]

Please see below, embargoed until 12am tonight.

Thanks!

### **Cairns Public Hospital Provides Lifeline to Far North Mothers**

The Palaszczuk Government has announced an initial investment of \$5 million to guarantee that birthing services in Far North Queensland will not be disrupted by the closure of maternity services at Ramsay Health Care's private hospital.

The Government has also committed to facilitating employment pathways for any midwife who loses their job with Ramsay's private maternity service.

The Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service has been working closely with Ramsay Health Care to safely transition maternity services for women who were planning to birth at the private hospital.

The additional births will represent only a minor increase in demand, with an average of 187 babies each born at the public hospital compared to just 18 at Ramsay Health Care's private hospital.

The initial investment of \$5 million will provide an uplift in the number of maternity beds available at Cairns Public Hospital.

An agreement has been reached to allow Cairns Public Hospital to utilise available beds at Ramsay Health's Private Hospital. This will allow Cairns Hospital greater capacity to free up services and improve patient flow.

The Member for Cairns, Michael Healy, has worked closely with both the public hospital and Ramsay Health Care to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible for Cairns locals.

### **Quotes attributable to Health Minister Shannon Fentiman:**

Our initial commitment of \$5 million will safeguard maternity services in the Far North.

The women of Cairns and Far North Queensland can be absolutely confident that the closure of Ramsay's maternity services in Cairns will not impact their ability to give birth locally.

The transition of services to Cairns Public Hospital will be done in a safe and orderly manner and ensure any disruption to local women is minimised.

From the first day I was sworn in as Health Minister, I have been clear that maternity services are a key priority for me.

### **Quotes attributable to Chief Executive, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service, Leena Singh:**

We are proud of the maternity and obstetric services we provide to Far North Queenslanders, and expectant mothers should feel confident that they will always be in good hands at our

facilities.

We have a high level of expertise in birthing as well as before and after birth care and support. Additionally, Cairns Hospital has a Special Care Nursery for sick and premature babies.

I am proud of the work our teams do across our Health Service, ensuring women are provided with safe and accessible maternity services.

Our dedicated clinicians and midwives will be working to seamlessly transition the care for each expectant mother to help ensure they have a positive and safe birthing experience.

**ENDS**

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**Cc:** [David Sinclair](#); [Olivia Amsden](#)  
**Subject:** RE: First 2000 Days - CEDA Speech  
**Date:** Friday, 22 September 2023 2:21:00 PM  
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Hi Finn,

Absolutely. We'll get something to you by 11am Tuesday.

I'm thinking about half a page of dot points. But we can expand it if needed.

Thanks,  
Robert

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**From:** Finn Semple [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
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Hi Robert,

The Premier's office have flagged that they are keen to include some information about First 2000 Days and pre-school health screening in the Premier's CEDA Speech on 4 October

They will be putting some significant work into speech preparation next week, is the Dept able to provide some lines that would be suitable for inclusion please? They are conscious of not tying us to anything too concrete at this stage but are certainly keen to say something

Thanks,  
Finn

**Finn Semple (he/they)**

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I acknowledge the Yuggera and Turrbal people on whose land I live and work, and pay respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

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**Cc:** [Madeline Cunnington](#); [SDLO](#)  
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Thanks Brett,

We will have a specific Health Big Build page up on the website this month.

I think we're better keeping capital promotion on our existing social channels – with their massive audience – at the moment. But there's no reason we can't craft a dedicated web presence pretty quickly.

Cheers,  
Robert

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**From:** Brett Reed <[REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
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Hi Priscilla, Tracey and Robert

Further to recent discussions, both NSW and Victoria have adopted a single front door for Health capital:

- [Victorian Health Building Authority | Home | VHBA](#) - \$15.438 B Current active projects (TEI)
- [Home - Health Infrastructure NSW](#) - \$11.9 billion over the next four years for health infrastructure. With over 130 projects underway

Qld program compares to both on size and project numbers. Both have lessons for us to learn.

Not looking for a response but am looking forward to future discussions.

Cheers Brett

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**To:** [Olivia Amsden](#)  
**Cc:** [Natarjsha Kramer](#); [Renaie Tesch](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Vaccination Summit  
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Hi Olivia,

We were looking at the week of Oct 16. But the Parli week of Oct 23 is doable from our end (and allows more prep time) if it work for the Min.

We had been looking at suitable options around Brisbane for the week of Oct 16 – there are some. And I've asked the team to also ask re Parli and QUT.

Thanks,  
Robert

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**From:** Olivia Amsden [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
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**Subject:** Vaccination Summit

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Hi Robert,

I just wanted to confirm what week were you thinking for the vaccination summit? The week commencing the 23<sup>rd</sup>? That is a parliament week. Were you thinking of having the summit at parliament or at a venue close to parliament, like maybe QUT?

Kind Regards,

**Olivia Amsden (she/her)**

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**To:** [Natarisha Kramer](#)  
**Cc:** [Brad Gardner](#); [news](#); [Tracey Walker](#)  
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Nat,

Some interstate VAD comparisons.

Robert

Remembering Qld's system has only been in operation for six months.

South Australia  
Started January this year.

During the first three months of voluntary assisted dying in South Australia, a total of 12 people who were the subject of a voluntary assisted dying permit died. Of these:

- 8 people died as a result of self-administration of the voluntary assisted dying substance
- 3 people died as a result of practitioner administration of the voluntary assisted dying substance
- 1 person died without taking the substance.

Western Australia  
Started July 2021  
First 12 months: Voluntary assisted dying deaths - 190

Victoria  
Their Act commenced in June 2019. First full year of operation had 129 deaths.

Total between June 2019 and 30 June 2023 - 912 permit holders died from taking the prescribed substance



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 A photograph showing a young child and a woman, likely a healthcare professional, smiling.


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[XXXX23 MIN MR - VAD Annual Report \(UPDATED - 210923\).docx](#)

Hi Natarjsha,

Here you go.

Let us know if you'd like us to flag with VAD and the media team will sort that out.

Thanks,  
Robert



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**XX Month 2023****Compassionate VAD laws give more choice to Queenslanders**

- The Queensland Government has released the first annual report by the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board
- The annual report provides key insights since the introduction of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2021* on 1 January 2023
- 591 people commenced the process, and of these, 245 people died from administration of a VAD substance as their end-of-life choice

Almost 600 Queenslanders have commenced the voluntary assisted dying (VAD) process since landmark legislation commenced this year, according to the first annual report released today.

Queensland's VAD laws provide a rigorous system of checks and balances to ensure eligible people who are suffering and dying are supported to make an informed decision about ending their life, on their own terms.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board's first annual report shows the Review Board reviewed all completed requests to ensure compliance with the requirements of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2021* (the Act).

In the first six months, 591 people commenced the process, and of these, 245 terminally ill people died from administration of a VAD substance.

The most common diagnosis for people who accessed VAD in Queensland was cancer (78 per cent). Other diagnoses included end stage renal and liver disease, as well as neurodegenerative and cardiovascular diseases.

According to the report, the age range of people accessing VAD in Queensland was 26 to 95 years old, the median age was 73, and 56 per cent were male.

The death of an elderly man who was not eligible for VAD– but ingested an oral substance prescribed to a VAD-eligible person known to the man – has been referred to the Coroner.

Queensland Health is finalising an investigation into this incident, including circumstances where a person transitions from self-administering a VAD substance to having it administered by an authorised practitioner. A copy of the investigation will be provided to the Coroner when complete.

Voluntary assisted dying is underpinned by a cohort of committed and compassionate authorised practitioners who work tirelessly to enable timely and considered access by eligible Queenslanders.

As at 30 June, 318 doctors and nurses had applied, completed training, and become authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioners.

Half (49 per cent) of people accessing VAD services in Queensland live outside of metropolitan areas.

The QVAD Support and Pharmacy Service also played an important role by providing information and support to more than 1,800 people across Queensland.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services Shannon Fentiman:**

"The Government is committed to ensuring that VAD is accessible to all who meet the eligibility criteria, and that it is delivered in a way that respects the patient's autonomy and dignity.

"The annual report shows that VAD is a safe, accessible and compassionate option for Queenslanders who are dying and suffering.

"I am grateful to the Review Board for their careful assessment of every completed request, which assures Queenslanders that the service is being closely and independently monitored.

"I would like to thank the state's 318 authorised practitioners for delivering transparent, compassionate and accessible end-of-life care.

"I would also like to thank the dedicated advocacy groups and passionate individuals who fought for this legislation."

**Quotes attributable to Chair of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board Associate Professor Helen Irving:**

"We can reassure Queenslanders that VAD laws are working as intended and they are safe, accessible and compassionate.

"I would also like to extend my thanks on behalf of all members of the Review Board to those who shared their experiences.

"These insights demonstrated the genuine care and sensitivity shown to them, and the relief it has provided them.

"We express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of those who have died and acknowledge their loss as they grieve."

**ENDS**

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**Cc:** [Natarisha Kramer](#); [Tracey Walker](#); [Jane Martin](#)  
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Hi team,

We're almost a week into the new vaping campaign and it's getting some good traction – 10,000 visits to the website already.

Do you want to do a quick media proactive or social post on it from the Min? Or can we throw something out to media from the dept and see if we can get some pickup?

Cheers,  
 Robert

Details

Qld kids and parents are hungry for information about the dangers of vaping. Last week – QH launched the There's Nothing Sweet About Vapes public health campaign. In its first week, the new vaping website has 10,000 hits to new vaping website in its first week.

The \$1.3 million campaign will target young Queenslanders aged 12-17 through social media, apps and websites

The campaign was co-designed with input from 50 young Queenslanders across the state.

Targeting adolescents aged 12-17, the *There's Nothing Sweet About Vapes* campaign will begin on August 23 and has been co-designed with the assistance of 50 young Queenslanders from regional, rural and city areas.

The campaign targets platforms such as TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube, Twitch and Spotify. It highlight the health effects of harmful chemicals and ingredients found in vapes, such as lead, arsenic, and formaldehyde.

The website will provide young Queenslanders with information on what goes into vapes, the dangers they present, and how to quit, as well as advice for parents and guardians on how to start a discussion about vaping with their children.

Last year, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed more than one in five (22 per cent) young people aged 18-24, and 14 per cent of those aged 15-17, had tried vapes. The ABS said that number was expected to increase.

The campaign follows a recent \$5 million investment by the government to roll out an anti-vaping program, developed by Griffith University, in government and non-government secondary schools. Search "Vaping Exposed" to find out more.

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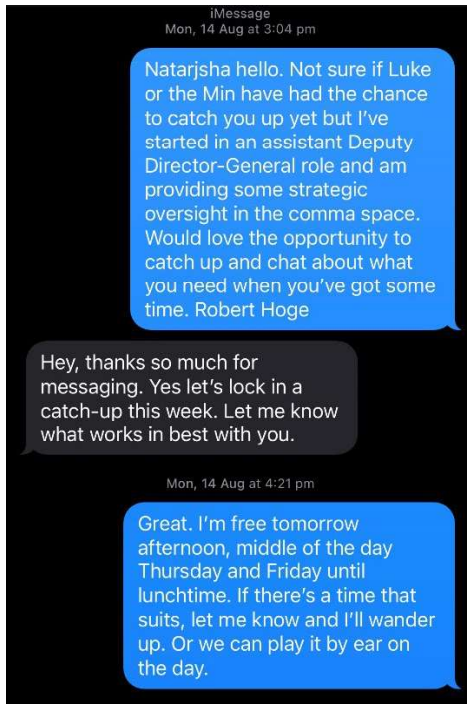
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All good. I'm down at 33 Charlotte St. I'll plan to leave here about 3.25pm.

But no dramas if you need to reschedule.

I'll be down just after 3:30

On my way.

Can I get you something?

I'm on my way. Sorry!!

Sorted.

Fri, 18 Aug at 7:45 am

Hey, I'm just on a flight to Rockhampton but wanted to flag the satellite hospital ads and getting them playing between 6pm bulletins on 9,7 etc.

Howdy. Let me check the media schedules and I'll come back to you.

Mon, 21 Aug at 5:10 pm

Hey, just want to check who the doctors were that you had in mind to do the VAD story with the courier. Was it Sidd Finnigan?

Hey. Sorry was driving. Yes and one other. I'll check.

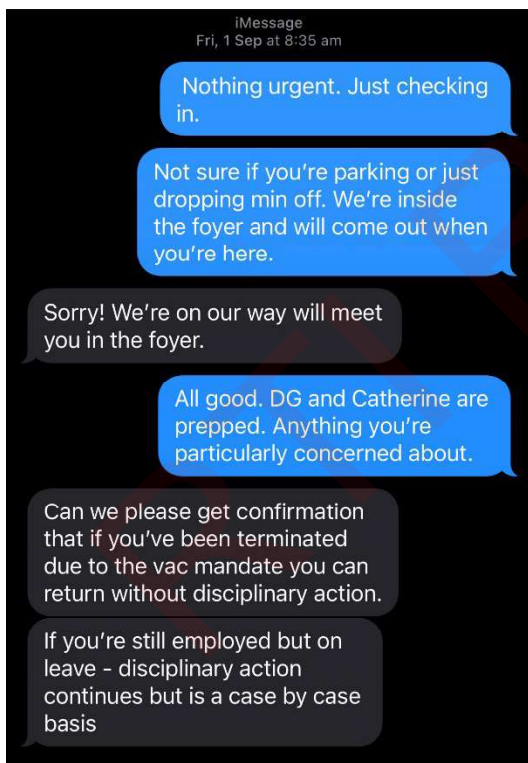
No, all good. No stress. Thankyou!

Thu, 24 Aug at 8:33 am

Morning. I've had a chat to Min about Cairns/Ramsay and spoken to the HHS. Have a few ideas. Can chat whenever suits you - perhaps after QT.

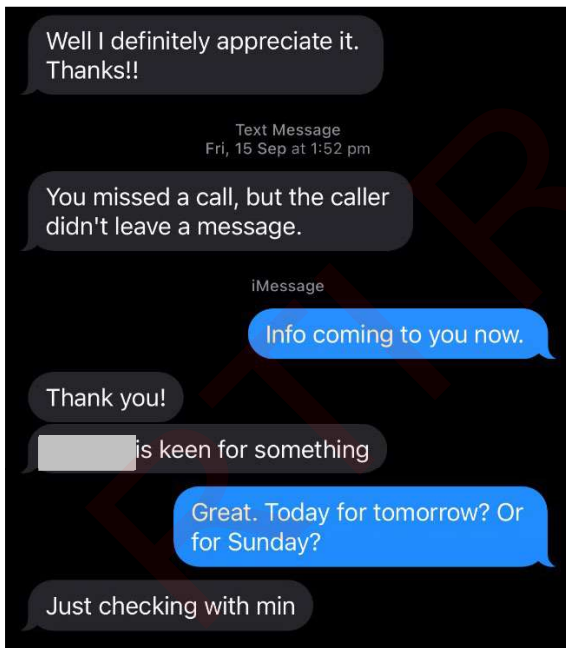
Thanks. Yes will call after QT.

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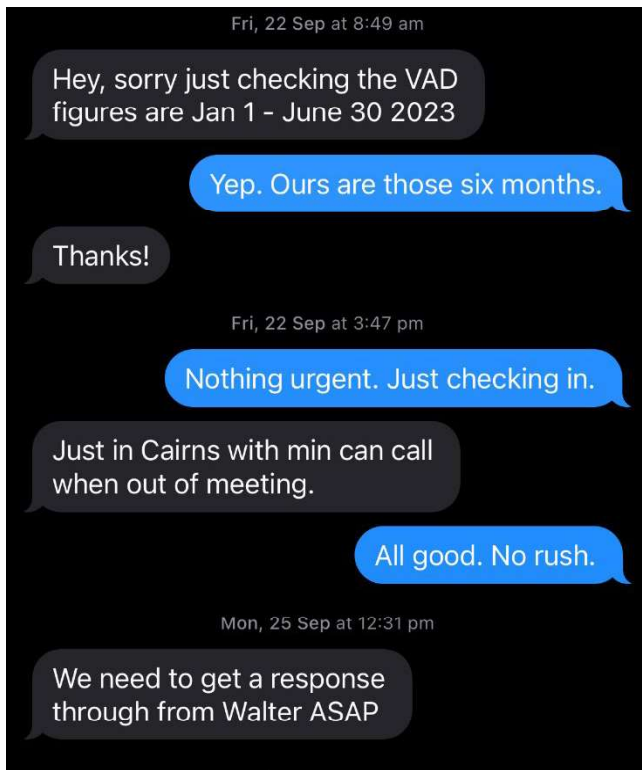


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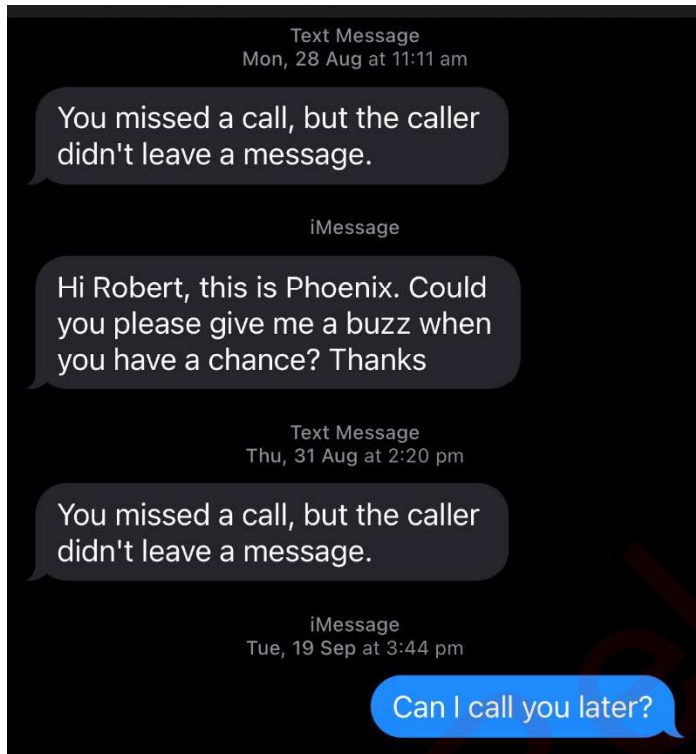


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