



**Queensland
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Queensland Health

MEMORANDUM

To: All Queensland Health Staff

From: Steve Buckland – Director General **Contact No:**

Subject: Public Interest Disclosure – Bundaberg Commission of Inquiry **Fax No:**

File Ref: 0201-3000-

In accordance with a request by the Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry I have today signed a public interest disclosure pursuant to Sec 62F of the Health Services Act. This authority will allow any current or former employee of Queensland Health to assist either the Commission of Inquiry or any of the lawyers for parties who have been granted leave to appear before the Commission by disclosing what would otherwise be confidential patient information.

(signature)
Director General
Queensland Department of Health
25/05/05

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Health Services Act 1991
Section 62F

AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

This Authority is given this 25th day of May 2005 by **STEPHEN MICHAEL BUCKLAND**, Director-General, Queensland Department of Health, 147 – 163 Charlotte Street, Brisbane.

1. In accordance with s.62A of the *Health Services Act 1991* ("the Act"), I am in receipt of information that is subject to the statutory duty of confidentiality described in s.62A(1) of the Act. I consider that it is in the public interest to disclose this information on the terms set out below.
2. Accordingly, in accordance with s.62F of the Act, I now authorise:
 - the **Queensland Health officers** listed in **Item 1** of the Schedule attached to this Authority, **to disclose**
 - **the information** described in **Item 2** of the Schedule,
 - **to the persons, officers or entities** listed in **Item 3** of the Schedule,
 - **for the purposes** listed in **Item 4** of the Schedule.
3. This authority may not be relied upon to permit the disclosure of the information described in Item 2 where disclosure may lawfully be given in reliance upon another provision set out in Part 7 of the Act.
4. This authority is effective from the date of this document and is valid for the duration of the purposes described in Item 4 of the Schedule.



(signature)

Director-General
Queensland Department of Health

SCHEDULE

Item 1	Authorised Queensland Health Officers	Any Queensland Health employee or former employee, 'designated person' or 'former designated person' (as defined in the Health Services Act 1991), who may be called upon by the persons described in item 3 to provide information of the nature referred to in item 2.
Item 2	Information Authorised to be Disclosed	Any information, including patient information, that comes within or may be relevant to the Terms of Reference in the Commissions of Inquiry Order (No.1) 2005 ("the Commission of Inquiry").
Item 3	Persons to whom Information may be Disclosed	<p>Anthony Morris QC Sir Llewellyn Edwards AC Miss Margaret Vider David Andrews SC, Errol Morzone Damien Atkinson, Jarrod Cowley-Grimmond Angus Scott, John Stubbings Tony Stella</p> <p>David Boddice SC, Chris Fitzpatrick Bradley Farr, Peter Dwyer, Paul Lack Gordon Twigg, Matthew Wilkinson</p> <p>Mr G Mullins, Mr J Harper</p> <p>David Tait SC, Stephanie Gallagher</p> <p>Ralph Devlin, Katherine McMillan</p> <p>Geoff Diehm, David Watt</p> <p>John Allen, Gavin Rebetzke</p> <p>Ross Perrett</p> <p>Ron Ashton, Patricia Feeney</p> <p>Raelene Kelly</p> <p>Ms S Hunt, Brian Bartley</p>
Item 4	Purposes for Which Information may be Disclosed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assist the Commission of Inquiry and those assisting the Inquiry with their investigations. 2. To assist those who are providing legal advice and assistance to any party that has been granted leave to appear before the Commission of Inquiry.