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Deputy Premier Treasurer and Minister for Sport

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Dear Sir

I write concerning the Inside Mail article 'Sickness in the System' by Hedley Thomas on Saturday (May 21, p25).

The article stated that I reportedly expressed reservations about the appointment of Tony Morris to head the Health Commission of Inquiry.

This is not correct.

In fact when the Premier decided to launch a Commission of Inquiry we discussed potential candidates to lead this important task.

We both agreed that Tony Morris would be ideal and agreed to utilise his experience and expertise if he was available.

The Premier and I subsequently jointly met with Tony Morris regarding his availability.

Therefore any inference that I did not support his appointment is pure fantasy.

Yours sincerely

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