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Anthony Morris QC,
Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry
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May 23, 2005.

Tony
Dear Commissioner,

I have promised to keep you informed of any developments affecting your inquiry that I learn of.

As you know, I have instructed that Queensland Health should keep searching their records to ensure that you are provided with all relevant information.

Shortly before 7pm this evening my Department forwarded to my Office an email which it had received shortly before from the office of the Director-General of Queensland Health.

It read:

Information has just been received which would seem to indicate there are potentially 40 more cases that require review.

Of these, 20 are deceased and have Dr Patel listed as being involved (in) their care.

The remaining 20 are listed as being transferred to other facilities for ongoing care.

Likewise, Dr Patel is listed as also being involved in their care.

Since the original search was conducted, staff have continued to refine and run their queries in order to exhaust all possible linkages to Dr Patel.

Some of the linkages are rather obscure but the review team will now assess all of these patients charts in a similar manner to all other identified cases

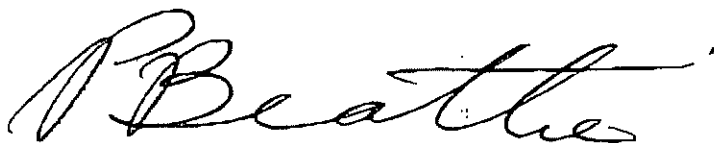
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I am told that this information arose as a result of the original searches at Bundaberg Base Hospital being checked for accuracy. I am also told that this latest information needs to be collated and checked to ensure that it is accurate.

I have directed that this information should be made available as early as possible and forwarded to you as a matter of urgency.

I have sent copies of this letter to the Minister for Health, Gordon Nuttall, and to the Director-General of Queensland Health, Dr Steve Buckland.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P Beattie". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Peter Beattie MP,
Premier and Minister for Trade.

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