Queensland Public Hospitals

Commission of Inquiry

8 September 2005

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Your Ref: SGE:SJA:40-4992430

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Dear Mr Alroe

Queensland Public Hospitals Commission of Inquiry

Re: Dr S Buckland

I refer to the Terms of Reference issued under *Commissions of Inquiry Order (No.2) 2005*, and correspondence from the former Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry outlining those issues to be addressed by your client in evidence before the former Commission. **Enclosed** herewith is a press release issued by the Premier on 6 September 2005 with a letter to the new Commissioner, the Honourable Geoffrey Davies AO and the new Terms of Reference.

A directions hearing during which submissions will be heard in respect of procedural matters and the course of evidence of the new Commission will take place at 2.15pm on 8 September 2005 at Court 34, Brisbane Magistrates Court Building.

It is anticipated that the Commission will require your client to attend before it and give evidence. The matters that your client will be required to address in his/her evidence will be, those matters already identified in the said correspondence of the former Commission, insofar as they relate to the new Terms of Reference, and any other matters raised by Counsel Assisting from time to time.

You are requested to provide to the new Commission a written statement of evidence by Monday, 12 September 2005. If your client has already provided a statement to the former Commission, the contents of that statement should be revisited and amended to deal with only those matters within the new terms of reference.

Commissioner Geoffrey Davies QC

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I request that your you advise staff of the Commission or Counsel Assisting of your client's availability to give evidence from Monday, 12 September 2005 onwards.

Should you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to the contact the writer on telephone (07) 3109 9150.

Yours faithfully

Errol Morzone

Counsel Assisting the Queensland Public Hospitals Commission of Inquiryr