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QUEENSLAND PUBLIC HOSPITALS *COMMISSION OF INQUIRY*

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The Honourable Mr Peter Beattie, MP
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I received yesterday a letter from Mr Lawrence Springborg, Leader of the Opposition, telling me that he had met with former Commissioner Morris on a number of occasions during the term of his Commission of Inquiry to discuss on a confidential basis issues of concern about matters that were to be considered by that Commission of Inquiry. He went on to say that he now believed that it would be appropriate that he and I met for similar discussions in relation to this Commission of Inquiry.

Had I been starting afresh I would have had some doubt about whether it was appropriate or even proper to have meetings during the course of this Inquiry with you, other than on formal matters, or with the Leader of the Opposition at all. However there may be an expectation in the community that this Commission will be conducted in a similar way to the Commission which it replaces including communications with you and with the Leader of the Opposition on an informal basis. Accordingly, though not without some reservations, I am prepared to accede to Mr Springborg's request and, of course, to any similar request by you.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I propose to write to Mr Springborg accordingly and to invite you to communicate with me if you would also like to have some regular briefings on a confidential nature about the progress of this Commission or any concerns you may have about it.

Yours faithfully

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