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Mr Damien Atkinson Counsel Assisting Queensland Public Hospitals Commission of Inquiry Level 9 Brisbane Magistrates Courts Building BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Atkinson

## Dr Buckland - Berg matter

I refer to your letter dated 19 September 2005 regarding the identification of any witnesses who could give evidence going to consultations with former Director-General of Queensland Health, Dr Steve Buckland, in relation to the Berg issue.

I **enclose** a statement of Dr Peggy Brown, formerly Director of the Mental Health Unit, Queensland Health in relation to the issue. Dr Brown is no longer employed by Queensland Health and is now based in Canberra. If the Commission requires Dr Brown to give oral evidence, I understand that she would prefer to do so by telephone if at all possible.

While Dr Buckland suggested in evidence that he may have also consulted with Dr Arnold Waugh, Principal Adviser in Psychiatry, I am instructed that Dr Waugh does not recall having any such discussion or meeting with Dr Buckland. Please advise if the Commission requires a statement from Dr Waugh.

I am also instructed that my client has conducted extensive searches for any documents that may be relevant to Dr Buckland's consultations on the issue, or other consultations as between the Mental Health Unit (based in Corporate Office) and the Townsville Health

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Service District, but has been unable to locate any such documents. Of course, the Commission has already been provided with other documents relating to the Berg matter.

Yours faithfully

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