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Assoc Prof Constantine N. Aroney MBBS, MD, FRACP. Consultant and Interventional Cardiologist.

Ms Gloria Wallace, District Manager, Prince Charles Hospital, Rode Rd, Chermside.

Dear Ms Wallace,

It is with regret that I offer my resignation from Senior Staff Cardiologist at The Prince Charles Hospital, effective from 22/5/05. After more than 15 years on staff, I find that I have lost confidence in the Health Department administration who impugned my reputation both in the press and in the Qld Parliament after I revealed the truth about cardiac services in Queensland. In addition, the hospital has not given me the results of the two enquiries into cardiac deaths on waiting lists, into which I gave evidence. This conspiracy of silence is unacceptable.

As you know, the Health Department administration refused my appointment as acting director of cardiology, when I was put forward unanimously for the position by a meeting of cardiologists at TPCH in November. If the hospital is at all forward-looking then my current salary should be used for a full-time director's position.

Although I am unable to continue in my salaried position for the reasons given, I would be happy to continue as an honorary visiting cardiologist with catheter lab credentialing, to assist where required in difficult cardiac interventional cases, such as mitral balloon valvuloplasty, ASD closure or septal ablation, where I have considerable experience. I would insist on refusing payment for assisting in these procedures.

Yours sincerely,

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