

Timeline (B/berg Base Hospital/Dr Patel)

Date	Action
Pre September 2003	ABC Radio talk back host (covered medical issues-nurses strike & dental waiting lists) and member of Bundaberg Branch of QLD Cancer fund which gave me access to an informal network of health professionals.
Sept 2003 to Jan 2004	Door knocking Constituents: Bargara, Childers, Woodgate (1.1.04 I P361 waiting lists -Joint replacement). Formed the opinion that "Health" was the major issue for the Burnett including resources and management bullying.
Jan 2003	Production of Election TV and Radio adds which highlight "Health" and "Bullying" as major issues. Ref -
7 th Feb 2004	Election Day
18 th Feb 2004	Brief meeting with mental Health Nurse Ursula Cooper at Burnett Heads
20 th Feb 2004	Rang Peter Leck re: P362 , - Hearing impaired child who wasn't receiving proper treatment
1 st March 2004	Rang Mental Health Nurse -Ursula Cooper
5 th March 2004	Meeting with Mental Health Nurses at Office- NP3 ; NP4's Mum; NP5 - Ref D
6 th March 2004	Meeting with P111 re his wife's treatment and subsequent death
9 th March 2004	Meeting with Peter Leck at my office
11 th March 2004	Meeting with Clinical Nurse Scott Patterson - (Dead mullet Metaphor) I meet with Scott before election.
18 th March 2004	Rob's Maiden speech: First opportunity to briefly raise health crisis and suggest the need for additional resources and a comprehensive independent review of the Bundaberg Base Hospital - Ref A
25 th March 2004	Meeting with Dr Scott Jenkins mental health professional with concerns about mental health service delivery.
8 th Apr 2004	Significant Media release- Full Inquiry into Bundaberg Hospital needed - demanded a full and open inquiry into the management of the Bundaberg Base Hospital. Morale among medical staff at crisis point. Minister visits hospital.
	Ref A table item 1

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12 April 2004	Meeting with (NP 7 administrative nurse on Easter Monday at Woodgate -accused by Peter Leck of misconduct- Professionals who speak out targeted by management, Waiting List Figures Fiddled, Commonwealth Money Misused Bloated Executive Management, CEO bonus? Hospital Bed number reduction Ref G
13 April 2004 on or about	Meeting in office with (NP 8 floor dresser & theatre dresser- problems with management, dirty beds being allowed to go into theatre etc. Ref H
21 April 2004	Speech to Parliament: Bundaberg and District Health Service in deep crisis. Spoke of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work standards - low staff morale - health professionals being bullied, intimidated and personally vilified by Queensland Health management - waiting list blowouts - patients being prematurely discharged (called for full open inquiry into the management and operation of Bundaberg and District Health Service) Ref A- table item 2
30 th April 2004	E-mail (Friday arvo) to Health Ministers senior adviser. Highlighting a serious matter (NP 4 l's suicide attempt) calling for "ministerial review of the Bundaberg and District Health Service" Ref D
11 May 2004	Speech to parliament Introduced 3 Bundaberg Base Hospital mental health nurses (whistleblowers) to State Parliament (claims of assaults, maladministration and possible criminal behaviour) Outcomes of this lead to the promise of an independent review of the Bundaberg mental health service by Dr Mark Waters Ref A Table item 3
13 May 2004	Speech to parliament - Called for full and comprehensive independent investigation into the entire Bundaberg and District Health Service, not just the Mental Health Unit Ref A table item 4
15 May 2004	Meeting with QNU president – Gay Hawksworth in Brisbane
21 May 2004	Dinner -BBG and District Health services Brothers club – meet with Peter Leck social basis
26 May 2004	Lunch- mental health network luncheon – Rowers Club Sharon Sarah - Spoke with at least 4 mental Health consumers who had the same theme – The mental health bar was too high. They were turned away from the BBG Hospital with out receiving professional help. (Peter Petersen's letter to the commission asking that they investigate mental health)
2 June 2004	Tour of BBG base hospital conducted by Peter Leck and Dr Darren Keating
4 June 2004	Meeting in office – NP 14 – very sick mental health professional who was feeling suicidal because of treatment by management-Harassment, Bullying and administrative abuse" Ref D last letter
19 August 2004	Speech to parliament – Appropriation Bill estimates committee E - Rob raises concerns of Anaesthetists at the Bundaberg Base Hospital averaging 80-hour weeks, concerns of fatigue, patients being turned away from mental health services and committing suicide, staff scared of management Ref A item 5

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1 st September 2004	Speech to Parliament – Financial Admin and Audit Amendment Bill – Ref A item 6
2 nd September 2004	Tess Bramich faxes information to Office regarding her husband's death
5 th September 2004	Meeting with Tess Bramich at Agnes Water regarding her husband's death at the Bundaberg base hospital.
7 th September 2004	Wrote letter to Gordon Nuttall MP on Tess Bramich's behalf Ref C item 10
10 September 2004	Wrote letter to Health Minister in relation to changes to rosters in the Paediatric Ward – Bundaberg Hospital (staff cut backs) Ref C item 11
30 September 2004	Speech to Parliament – Bundaberg and district mental health service- Findings not released independence of the investigation compromised. Ref A item 7
4 th October 2004	Media Release – Minister refusal to release the full findings of the “independent investigation” of BBG mental Health Ref A media releases item 12
13 th October 2004	Health Minister responds to letter regarding Tess Bramich. (states he cannot provide details due to legal action being pursued) Ref Ministerial letters
16 th Nov 2004	Rosedale Train Crash- Visited site but was refused access to visit BBG Base Hospital.
18 Nov 2004	Meeting with Peter Leck rescheduled – I was expecting to visit hospital to say well done to medical staff and remaining train crash survivors' still undergoing treatment but once again I was refused access.
8 Dec 2004	Open day at BBG Base – Visited and spoke with many health professionals, ATODS Blood Bank. I was subsequently told that I was followed and the management was given a list of people I talk with.. (I think that Whistle Blower informed me of tail)
January 2005	Tour of the BBG Hospital with opposition leader lead by Peter Leck and Dr Darren Keating. Quizzed Leck over bed numbers and occupancy rates, Access block, Paediatric staffing, Visited ICU. It was the first time that I was able to visit after Tilt train crash.
January 2005 ?	Visited P95 (who's mentally ill son) committed suicide allegedly after receiving less than adequate treatment from the BBG mental health unite REF C item 13 and Ministerial correspondence
17 February 2005	BBG QLD Cancer Fund AGM – Peter Leck & Linda Mulligan at Mater hospital
19 February 2005	Faye Kuhnel phone call regarding a demand by Collection House Ltd of overpayments on behalf of Bundaberg Health Service District. Faye is told to pay back \$1,046.92 to Bundaberg Health Service District.
22 February 2005	Speech in parliament – Appropriation Bill (No 2) Rob Tabled leaked email from District Director of Nursing Services (Bundaberg Base Hospital) which is evidence of understaffing and under resourced issues at the hospital. Letter implies removing staff holidays to resolve staffing shortages during peak holiday seasons. Ref A item 8 Wrote to Health Minister on behalf of Faye Kuhnel re: overpayments sought after by Bundaberg Health Service District.

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24 February 2005	Meeting with Faye Kuhnlel at parliament who showed me a document – Bundaberg Health Service District – Business case relating to staffing levels in the department of emergency –Not enough Nurses, Nurses working conditions extremely demanding- no meals breaks- aggressive patients- Inadequate skill mix of medical staff – Exit Blocks – inexperienced medical officers Ref L
2 March 2005 18 th March 2005	Meeting with Fay Kuhnlel at her work BRE was going to be at her home Registered Nurse Toni Hoffman interview Ref F , REF L
19 th March 2005	Transcribed Toni Hoffman conversation Ref F
22 nd March 2005	Tabled letter from Nurse Unit Manager of Bundaberg Base Hospital ICU alleging serious concerns relating to the clinical competence of Dr Jayant Patel and revealed the situation (letter written by Toni Hoffman on October 22, 2004) Ref F
24 March 2005	Speech in Parliament (Nurses being told by Hospital administrator Mr Peter Leck that they will be dismissed if they take concerns to their local member of parliament.) Calls for Peter Leck and Dr Darren Keating to be suspended along with Dr Patel Ref A item 11
1 st April 2005 Midday	Phoned AMA President Dr David Maloy from Hervey bay indigenous youth leadership forum – Why are you criticising me? <i>Rob Messenger has left Bundaberg with no surgical cover over Easter. Rob Messenger irresponsibly used parliament.. its an absolute disgrace that Dr Patel has been forced to leave his job, based on a gross misjudgement on the oppositions part”</i> Have you read the letter I’ve tabled in Parliament ? (No) His sources told him that the nurses at BBG ICU were lazy and Dr Patel was whipping them into shape. Ref F 2nd last item
1 st April 2005 evening	Meeting with Nurse BBG ICU on sick leave without pay at Isis Club – Pat confirmed Toni’s allegations and eventually supplied me with hand written letter 24.3.05 Allegations of sexual assaults of patients and cover ups (Dr Turuke Pakistani OSTD) Ref K
6 April 2005	Meeting with Nelson Cox at Burnett Heads ? (ex-patient of Dr Patel – unsuccessful operations)
7 April 2005	Wrote letter to Health Minister on behalf of Nelson Cox. Ref B item 3
7 April 2005	Gordon Nuttall and QLD Health Director-General travelled to Bundaberg to make a statement that the report into Dr Jayant Patel would be dropped .
9 April 2005	Gordon Nuttall reversed decision and launched an independent investigation into Dr Patel
14 April 2005	Rob attends (and speaks) at Dr Patel Victims first meeting at Brothers Sports Club Peter Leck stood aside pending the review of B/berg Base Hospital. Dr Michael Daly replaces Mr Leck
18 April 2005	Patient public meeting hosted by Rob Messenger and attended by Lawrence Springborg (calling for Royal Commission which was unanimously voted on at the meeting)
19 April 2005	Rob’s speech in Parliament (call for Royal Commission to be held to investigate the malpractice of Dr Patel) Premier Peter Beattie announces in parliament a Royal Commission of Inquiry would be held into Dr Jayant Patel at B/berg Hospital. Ref A item 12

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21 April 2005	Rob's Speech in parliament (call for Dr Patel's victims to receive medical assistance immediately) Tabled letter from Ian Fleming (co-convenor of the Victims Support Group) Ref A item 13
22 nd April 2005	Peter Beattie arrives in Bundaberg to talk with Dr Patel victims, (30 days after Dr Patel was named in parliament)
5 May 2005	Rob Messenger, along with Lawrence Springborg and Stuart Copeland visited Bundaberg Base Hospital to try and talk to the hospitals administration and listen to the concerns of former patients of Dr Patel.. (Were refused a request to speak to hospital management.)
6 May 2005	Shadow Cabinet meets and calls for all Dr Patel's victims to receive a category 1 rating
11 May 2005	Speech in parliament-Seconded motion introduced by the Leader of the Opposition to classify Dr Patel's victims who need further surgery receive a category one rating Ref A
12 May 2005	Public Works Minister accused Mr Messenger in Parliament of having knowledge about Dr Patel in January, two months before naming the surgeon. Speech in Parliament - Address in reply of accusations from the Member for Rockhampton that the information regarding Dr Patel was "sat on". Receive letter of reply from Health Minister in relation to: <u>P15</u> . (advises a Royal Commission will be held) Ref A