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Dear Tony

I am writing to confirm our revised arrangements in relation to the final weeks of the Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry:

1. Report 1 about the Terms of Reference relating to systemic or prospective health issues will be provided by 30 September 2005;
2. Commission hearings will be extended to no later than 16 September 2005; and
3. Report 2 about findings on matters that require natural justice to be afforded to individuals (including those arising out of the events at Bundaberg Hospital) will be provided to Government no later than 14 October 2005.

I stress that I am very keen to commence reforms of the health system from 1 October 2005 as a result of your recommendations in Report 1 and Peter Forster's recommendations in his final report on the Health Systems Review.

The health system is under considerable pressure at the moment, which has a significant impact on the many dedicated people working in our hospitals and other health services. It also affects the confidence of Queenslanders in the services available to them. As a result, I am unable to countenance any delays of these reforms and am grateful that you have agreed to provide Report 1 by 30 September 2005, despite the time constraints this places on you.

Obviously Justice Moynihan's decision in relation to the applications to the Supreme Court is still outstanding. Nonetheless, I am determined to make all the arrangements necessary to progress the urgent reforms that the Queensland health system now requires.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to receiving your reports.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Beattie', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PETER BEATTIE MP
PREMIER AND TREASURER