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Subject: Review of Orthopaedic Health Care – Fraser Coast

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Please find attached a copy of a report prepared by Dr Peter Giblin and Dr John North that I commissioned into the provision of orthopaedic services in the public sector in the Fraser Coast Health Service District.

I have sought an urgent meeting with the authors to discuss the recommendations and to seek an understanding of the basis upon which they made them.

My concern is that there is no hard evidence to support the recommendations, and considering that the recommendations are significant, I have reservations about the methodology used.

In the context of this recommendation, I am also very concerned about the time that has elapsed between when the inspection occurred and when the report was received. In the interest of patient safety and public confidence, I would like your advice as to whether arrangements should be made to urgently refer Drs Krishna and Sharma to the Skills Development Centre.

Your advice by COB Tuesday 10 May 2004 would be appreciated.


Dr Steve Buckland
Director-General
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