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MEMORANDUM

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Kerry

I am writing in response to your submission last week to the Minister in relation to "re-alignment" of services in the area of the Fraser Coast. As of the time of writing I have not had a response from the Minister's office either in writing or verbally, or any other direction except for the discussion and written communication the Minister has had with the Director-General in relation to orthopaedic services.

I believe you have outlined areas that concern you that should be addressed as soon as possible, whether it be in the interests of patient safety or in relation to the confidence of the administration, medical staff and nursing staff to deliver their services in a way that they can be sure will not expose them to criticism. Clearly this approach is counter to the directions that have been given to us from government in the past to maintain services at both Maryborough and Hervey Bay but I cannot endorse continuing this way until we are able to recruit more staff to both facilities and as you have adequately detailed in your brief, this is not possible at this time. I therefore request that you institute the changes you have outlined in the submission as soon as possible.

Thank you for your commitment to responsible management in the Fraser Coast area through what have been difficult and trying times for us all.

My best wishes

Dr John Scott
Senior Executive Director Health Services
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