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Ms Patricia Feeney,
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Re: Peter Leck d.o.b. ()

Dear Ms Feeney,

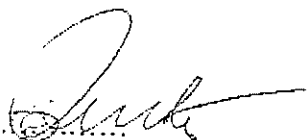
I reviewed Mr Leck on 17.6.05 and noted that there has been moderate improvement in mood symptoms as well as features of anxiety. Whilst he was fearful of attending the interview with counsel assisting the Inquiry, he believes he coped relatively well, was able to respond appropriately, and did not suffer significant sequelae.

However, he acknowledges the relative security of the hiatus in formal hearings which will dissolve when the Inquiry recommences. His anticipatory anxiety remains significant regarding potentially having to attend Bundaberg hearings. Given that his present mental state is suboptimal, I believe that there is a high risk of his suffering a decline in his mental health if he were to attend those hearings thereby posing not only a risk to his ongoing wellbeing but also his capacity to provide evidence. I have recommended to him that, if at all possible, he should be excused from providing evidence in Bundaberg.

In addition to the aforementioned concerns regarding his mental health, his capacity to seek urgent review with me, if required, will be compromised if he is required to stay in Bundaberg during the period during which he is required to provide evidence.

I shall be reviewing Mr Leck again later this week and shall inform you of any changes in my advice.

Yours faithfully,



Jeremy Butler