

QUEENSLAND PUBLIC HOSPITALS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

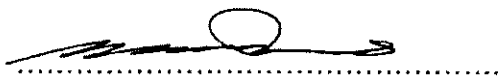
STATEMENT OF GERARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD

I, DR GERARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD, C/- Queensland Health, Level 18, Charlotte Street Brisbane in the State of Queensland, acknowledge that this written statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. I have previously provided statements and have given evidence to the former Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry.
2. On 15 August 2005, I gave oral evidence to that Inquiry. In particular, at page 4265 of the transcript of proceedings, I gave evidence that I spoke to Mr Peter Leck at a conference on the Sunshine Coast and mentioned to him that there were significant problems at the Bundaberg Hospital that needed to be addressed. The conference I referred to was a Central Zone Conference held at Maroochydore on 18 March 2005.
3. On reflection, since giving oral evidence, I am concerned that the conversation I stated that I had with Mr Leck may have been a conversation that I in fact had with Mr Michael Allsopp, District Manager, Fraser Coast Health Service District, regarding another unrelated matter. I cannot recall whether I had a conversation with Mr Leck.

All of the facts and circumstances above deposed to are within my own knowledge and belief, save such as are deposed to from information only and my means of knowledge and sources of information appear on the face of this my affidavit.

Signed at Brisbane on 11th. September 2005.



DR GERARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD
Deputy Director-General - Queensland Health