

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF KAREN LYNNE FOX of address known to the Queensland Nurses' Union of Employees

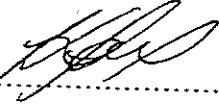
1. I have previously supplied a statement dated 18 May 2005 concerning my knowledge of events involving Dr Patel to the Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry.
2. I have been asked to provide a supplementary statement concerning an Adverse Event Report Form completed in respect of the Patient Desmond Bramich (referred to as P11 in my previous statement). It is attachment LTR 9 to a statement of Leonie Therese Raven which has been tendered to the Inquiry and is Exhibit 162.
3. I have examined a copy of the Adverse Event Report Form. There are two signatures on the second page of the document. One of the signatures appears to be mine.
4. I did not refer to the Adverse Event Report Form in my previous statement because I had not recalled filling out such a form.
5. I now recall that early in my shift, certainly no later than approximately one hour into the shift (I started at 1900 hours), Dr Patel attended the bedside of Mr Bramich in the company of Dr Boyd. At this time, he noticed that there was an absence of water in the underwater seal section of an intercostal drain.
6. The drainage bottle was immediately replaced resulting in very little fluid output.
7. The drain was in place when I commenced my shift, and I may not have checked the bottle before Dr Patel noticed the absence of water in the seal. I recall that as soon as I commenced work, I was very busy and was indeed out of the unit for periods of time when collecting blood for transfusion to the patient. I recall that the patient had returned to the unit not long prior to the commencement of my shift after having been taken to radiology for a CT scan of his chest.
8. From my review of the Adverse Event Report Form, it appears that I reported the incident to my Nurse Unit Manager at the time, however, this incident was overshadowed by subsequent events that night and Dr Patel's behaviour.
9. My recollection of events on the night of 27 July 2004 was, and continues to be, affected by a psychiatric illness suffered by me as a consequence of the events I witnessed on 27 July 2004, and exacerbated by subsequent events at the BBH concerning Dr Patel. My condition deteriorated during the time Dr Patel continued to work at the hospital and I ultimately needed to cease work for a period of time earlier this year. I applied for workers' compensation, and my claim was accepted, after investigation, on 4 May 2005 for "Major Depressive Disorder". At the time I provided instructions for my previous statement, I was on workers' compensation leave, and recovering from this illness.



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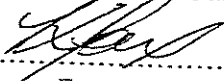
10. I do not believe that I can provide any further assistance in respect of this matter.

  
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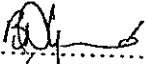
Signed: Karen Fox

Date: 3RD OCTOBER, 2005

I Karen Fox do solemnly and sincerely declare that the content of this my statement for the Queensland Public Hospitals Commission of Inquiry (this declaration being at the foot of the last page of the statement comprising 2 pages) is true and correct and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

  
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Karen Fox

Declaration Taken By:

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Lawyer/Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for Declarations