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Commissioner the Hon Geoffrey Davies AO
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Dear Commissioner Davies,

RE: FRASER COAST HEALTH SERVICE – HERVEY BAY HOSPITAL

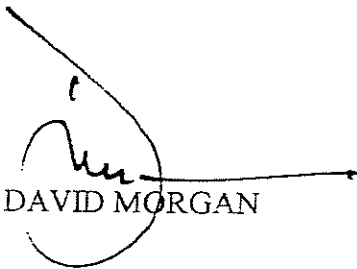
I write as an Orthopaedic Surgeon and as an individual who has worked within the Hervey Bay Hospital.

I refer to "A Review of Orthopaedic Health Care in the Fraser Coast Health Region" compiled by Doctors Giblin and North, and submitted to the Director General of Queensland Health in May, 2005.

I worked in the capacity as an Orthopaedic Surgeon in June/July, 2005 for four clinical days.

During that four day period I operated, consulted, performed outpatients clinics, reviewed fracture clinic patients and interfaced with administrative staff, nursing staff, medical records staff and secretarial staff. I spent those four days in the company of Dr Sharma. I had an excellent opportunity to review his clinical acumen, his surgical skills, his ability to deal with superiors, peers and junior personnel, and his ability to interface with patients. I found him to be of the highest order in all of those areas. Indeed, during one operative procedure where I was the primary surgeon and he was the assistant, his advice per operatively prevented me dividing an unrecognised aberrant vital structure in a digit. My four day exposure to Dr Sharma was in stark contrast to the hearsay allegations listed by Giblin and North in their report.

Yours faithfully,



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