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To: [Finance and Administration Committee](#)
Subject: Proposed changes to laws pertaining to Senior Medical Officers contacts in Queensland
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Dear committee members and Premier

Firstly could I express my gratitude that this political promise is being honored. I spoke at the Pineapple meeting attended by the now premier and despaired at the prospect of having to resign my job which I loved. This I did.

If this committee gets the changes right I hope to return to my position and again serve my little community on the Atherton Tablelands.

As important as any utilitarian changes is the restoration of faith in my employer and the healing of the breach of trust.

The issues of concern are:

The full reinstatement of access to the IRC. This is an issue of mutual respect more than an often used provision. It is vital to restore this.

Collective bargaining. I would not usually advocate for this in general terms.

However what was done by the previous government was not individually negotiated contacts, it was collectively imposed contacts. Unless this government plans to implement true negotiable contacts then we MUST return to collective bargaining.

Along with the changes already proposed I would respectfully ask the committee to consider my proposals and allow me to return to my work with my head held high.

I would also ask one more thing: The doctors that resigned on principle due to the changes imposed be allowed to return to work with no financial penalties for their break in employment. This would mean reinstatement at their previous level with the assumption that they continue where they left off.

Sincerely
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