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To: Finance and Administration Committee
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Dear Sir/Madame

I have been practising medicine in Australia for over 30 years, almost exclusively in the public sector. Last year was the worst in my professional life. We were pilloried publicly and bullied privately by politicians and managers hell bent on enforcing an ideologically driven agenda. I also fought an agenda (which fortunately failed) at my own workplace to privatize medical services to RBH and PAH Emergency, as I have worked in the USA and have seen how expensive and disenfranchizing (to patients) such an arrangement can be, particularly for families of lesser means.

Earlier this year I had the chance to catch up on the situation in the NHS, where ten years of "managerialism" has destroyed the morale of the medical workforce. In some specialties- like mine- this has meant they can't recruit trainees as a result. This is the agenda we had foisted on us last year, with administrators imported from the UK, presumably to this end. It is imperative that the changes to our work conditions made by the Newman government be repealed in full, as soon as possible.

I believe a return to collective bargaining and a dialogue between public sector clinical leaders and government will be the most fruitful and sustainable way to keeping ours one of the best health systems in the world.

As a resident of Ashgrove our family worked hard to get rid of Premier Newman's, rogue and arrogant government, and to restore some balance to democracy in Qld. We would be disappointed to see that squandered by any alternative government.

Kind regards

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