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Attention: Mr Trevor Ruthenberg, MP
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Dear Mr Ruthenberg,

Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 - Submissions

We refer to your email dated 12 September 2014 regarding the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2014.

We would like to offer the following submissions with respect to the Bill:

1. *Clauses 19 to 39 (amendments to the Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011)*

Clause 27 - We question whether Section 103(1)(b)(i) should in fact refer to section 102(2)(b) not 102(3)(b)?

Clause 29(4) – We question whether Section 106(7) (line 16) should also in fact refer to section 102(2)(b) not 102(3)(b)?

Clause 31(1) – We suggest that Section 102(2) is correct and should not be replaced with 102(3) in line with comments at Clause 27 and Clause 29(4).

Clause 32 – We would also suggest deleting the word 'by' at Section 116(3) and inserting '; or' at the end of Section 116(3)(c).

Clause 36 – There are no new provisions which would allow a Health Service Chief Executive (HSCE) to authorise an external service provider in line with the new Part 7, division 3 (section 161A) or confirming the application of the

Information Privacy Act 2009 (section 161B). We would request similar provisions in favour of a HSCE.

2. *Clauses 52 to 67 (amendments to the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998)*

These amendments will significantly impact the Townsville Hospital and Health Service (HHS) since the HHS includes a Sub-Acute Facility as well as two Aged Care Facilities.

The HHS will be liable to manage a significant number of patients and elderly residents who will need to move off the health facility to have a cigarette. This has significant staffing implications in that the HHS will become liable to escort these residents/patients off the health facility and also exposes these residents/patients and the escorting staff, to an increased risk of falls and further harm.

Should you wish to discuss any of these issues further, please do not hesitate to contact the writer, or the Senior Health Governance Advisor, Ms Emma Hall by email [REDACTED] or by phone [REDACTED].

Thank you for the opportunity to make submissions.

Yours Sinc [REDACTED]

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