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Dear Mr Ruthenberg

Thank you for your correspondence received on 12 September 2014, regarding the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 ("the Bill"). Thank for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Health and Community Services Committee on the Bill.

Among other matters, I note that the Bill seeks to amend the *Ambulance Service Act 1991* in light of the Government's Review of Root Cause Analysis Legislation ("the Review").

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) was heavily involved in the Review, which was co-sponsored by the QAS Senior Medical Advisor (then Medical Director) Dr Stephen Rashford. The review concluded that the current enabling approach to root cause analysis should be continued, subject to legislative amendment.

The QAS has been consulted on the preparation of the Bill which is consistent with the findings of the review. I consider that the amendments will help to ensure that root cause analysis remains a valuable tool for improving patient safety in Queensland. As such, I am fully supportive of the Bill.

If you would like any further information, please contact Mr Nathan Williamson, Acting Director, Corporate Strategy and Renewal on telephone number [REDACTED] who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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