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TO: Sue Cawcutt.

Research Director
Health and Disabilities Committee

Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Ms Cawcutt,

RE: Discussion Paper Advanced Health Directives.

I would be pleased if you might be able to include my small comments relating to advanced health directives in the discussions. Being a lay person, it is difficult for me to ascertain due process in this instance and it is also difficult for me to fully comprehend the limitations surrounding the terms of reference. I do see the need for revision to protect health operatives from litigation but I consider that I have reasonable suggestions regarding the advanced health directives and the administration of the same.

* A national approach be taken to this issue. People who have advanced directives will not necessarily only experience critical health situations within Queensland.

* A national register needs to be established with a one off registration fee to assist with administration.

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It is vital that some form of register be available because in many instances, the critical health situation leads to emergency treatment and admission which means that documentation is not readily available.



A national register would also obviate the requirement of lodging and storing advanced health directives, including accompanying powers of attorney, with every health provider, solicitor, accountant and the like.

Thankyou and regards,



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