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Dear Secretary

Inquiry into involuntary detoxification in Queensland  
Queensland Parliament

I agree a legal provision is needed to enable individuals suffering from drug or alcohol dependence and abuse to be able to be treated and detoxified in extreme situations on an involuntary basis where treatment is appropriate and the individual cannot provide informed consent. I noted the proposed regulations and their comparison to the legal situation in NSW and Victoria. My additional suggestions to the Queensland proposals would be to (1) allow legal representation for the individual when these orders are reviewed by the appropriate tribunal, and (2) discharge from detoxification will in many cases need to be to a residential or day-attendance drug and alcohol rehabilitation program for up to six months in order to prevent rapid relapse. This important aspect of treatment follow up needs to be incorporated into the proposals. I would be pleased to elaborate on these suggestions if the Inquiry is interested.

Yours sincerely,

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