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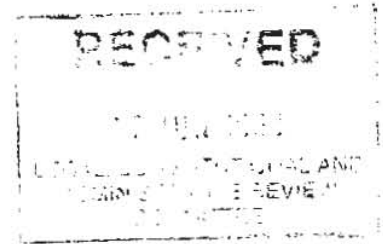
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Mr Gary Fenlon MLA  
Chair  
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Fenlon

Thank you for your letter of 5 May 1999 regarding Queensland's Transplantation and Anatomy Bill 1998.

At present the ACT does not have a formal system for noting organ donor status on driver licences or the licence register. Under current informal arrangements with the Australian Kidney Foundation, ACT licence holders may place a small sticker on their licence and complete a 'donor card' indicating their wish to donate specific or all useful organs for transplantation. There are currently no plans to introduce a system of formally annotating ACT driver licences and the licence register to indicate donor status.

As organ donation is an important health issue, your letter has been forwarded to Ms Helen Fowler, Manager Population Health, Department of Health, who can be contacted on phone number (02) 6205 1101. The letter has also been forwarded to Mr Warwick Prime, Chief Executive of The Australian Kidney Foundation (phone number 08 8267 4555) and Mr Bruce Lindsay, National Director of Australians Donate (phone number 08 8351 5222), as they have expressed an interest in the Queensland Amendment Bill.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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