

SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY AREA HEALTH SERVICE

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Mr Gary Fenlon MLA Chair Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee Legislative Assembly of Queensland Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Attention: Ms Kerryn Newton

Dear Mr Fenlon

re: Inquiry into the Transplantation and Anatomy Amendment Bill 19998

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Transplantation and Anatomy Amendment Bill.

I write on behalf of the Organ and Tissue Donation Coordination Committee of South East Health in NSW to support the acceptance of drivers licence notation in Queensland as evidence of both "advance directive" for donation and consent for procurement of tissues and organs after death.

We understand that earlier legislation was written before it became common practice to note one's wishes on driver's licences. We also understand that there will be a need to have this new Bill consistent with other "power of attorney" legislation in Queensland also being reviewed at this time.

The experience of clinicians in our Area Health Service has been that the driver's licence notation has been helpful in reinforcing the decisions made by families at a very emotional time in their lives.

Yours sincerely

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