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Dear Mr Fenlon

re:- Inquiry into the Transplantation and Anatomy Amendment Bill 1998

The Queensland Emergency Nurses Association (QENA) would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on this issue. Our management committee have discussed the suggestion to give legal standing to the question on the driver's license concerning organ donation.

Within our management committee, there were widely divergent views on the issue of organ donation itself. Consequently we were unable to come to a consensus on the question of the driver's license having legal standing. Some members were very keen for this change to occur, with others adamantly opposed the suggestion.

One area that there was agreement on, was the possible use of the Advanced Health Directive in relation to a person's choice regarding organ donation. The committee were of the view that this question has not been included in the Advanced Health Directive, and the group felt this might be more appropriate to include the question in that document, than providing legal standing on the driver's license.

Yours sincerely

Michelle McKay

Secretary