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Dear Editor,

There have been several suggestions as to how to recruit organ donors. I thought that one more won't hurt, but it will cost a few dollars.

An "organ donor lotto". Once a month, those who wish to participate, fill in what could become a legally binding document. Only 1000 people can win a chance to participate.

There is \$500,000 to share amongst the first, second and third winners. The remaining 997 become registered organ donors (donating their organs when they die). This would mean the possible chance of 11,964 extra donors in one year.

The odds of winning are far, far greater than the Gold Lotto.

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28. 7. 08,

Dear Ms Coco

On 25. 5, 08 I sent a letter to The State Minister of Health, regarding a suggestion of mine as to how to increase the number of organ donors. I received a reply informing me that my letter had been forwarded to The Hon. Stephen Robertson M.P. who then passed it on to Doctor David Theile, Chief Executive Officer of The Princess Alexandra Hospital who, I believe, has now left it in your hands.

I realize that it takes time for letters to reach the correct destination and that everyone connected with health issues are most likely kept very busy, but as the country is so desperate for organ donors, I am hoping that my suggestion will receive some consideration.

I sent a letter to the editor of the local newspaper detailing my suggestion and it was published on 13. 6. 08.

I would be most appreciative to hear your comments.

Yours faithfully

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## Dear Mr Rundell

Thank you for your letter dated 25 May 2008, regarding "Organ Donor Lotto". I appreciate your considerations of an innovative approach to increase the numbers of people who elect to be included in the organ transplant registrar. Queenslanders Donate is a Division of Queensland Health and co-ordinates all deceased organ and tissue donations across Queensland. The practises of Queenslanders donate are guided by the Transplant and Anatomy Act 1979.

The mission of Queenslanders Donate is to maximise organ and tissue donation rates to promote a healthier Queensland.

Dr David Theile (Snr), Clinical Chief Executive Officer, Princess Alexandra Hospital Health Service District advises that your correspondence has been forwarded to Ms Tina Coco – Manager of Queenslanders Donate that is located within the hospital for consideration.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Ms Coco, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 3240 5220.

Yours sincerely

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