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Mr Ashley Hill Executive Director Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry Level 10, 179 North Quay BRISBANE QLD 4000

By Email:

Dear Mr Hill,

RE: BARRETT ADOLESCENT CENTRE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

We act on behalf of Mr Ronald Simpson.

In view of the content of the submissions from Counsel Assisting we do not propose to offer any substantive submissions in accordance with the current directions other than to make two very brief points.

First, our client agrees that the summary of evidence (and other facts) relevant to him as summarised in the submissions of Counsel Assisting at the third sentence of paragraph [516]; the first sentence of paragraph [524] the second sentence of paragraph [526] and paragraph [528] are substantially accurate.

Second, so far as our client's very limited interest in the proceedings is concerned, our client agrees with and endorses the submission set out in paragraph [530] of said the submissions, viz:

"It is submitted that the evidence before the Commission supports the following findings:

- (a) That concerted efforts were made by BAC and staff to identify accommodation for which met clinical and social needs.
- (b) That the to which was transferred on was not adequate to meet clinical or social needs.
- (c) That accommodation that was suitable for clinical and social needs was not available within the timeframes imposed for the closure of the BAC.
- (d) That the lack of adequate accommodation suggests that the transition arrangements for were inadequate to meet needs.

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(e) That the inadequacy of the transition arrangements was not the result of dereliction by any individual person involved in care or management but rather the result of appropriate services no being available."

Yours faithfully,

Roland O'Regan Special Counsel