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I refer to your letter about infant male circumcision and the circumstances surround your son.

I appreciate that the circumstances surrounding your son's circumcision have been difficult. As advised by the Commission's Manager, Policy, our legislation does not allow me to take on individual matters. However, I have some additional information that I hope will be helpful to you.

The Commission has made contact with the Premier's Office who has advised that a response to your letter was dispatched on 7 October 2010 and also referred to the Minister for Health and the Attorney-General.

The Commission has previously supported the position that there should be a medical need for a male child to be circumcised before proceeding with circumcision. This remains the Commission's position. The Commission will continue to monitor this issue and will establish a link on our website to the Royal Australian College of Physicians' position statement on the circumcision of infant males, a copy of which is attached.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Megan Mitchell**  
**Commissioner**  
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