

11th October 2011

The Hon Jillian Skinner – NSW Minister for Health
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Re: IM11/3346
File10/005444
Matter11/003630

Good morning Ms Skinner,

I understand the demands placed on your time.

To avoid repetition, may I direct you to the letters attached. The first letter is addressed to the then Premier Kristina Keneally and the second to the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard.

Also attached is a recently received response from Ms Nicola Roxon, the Federal Minister for the Department of Health and Ageing. Ms Roxon is responding on behalf of Ms Gillard.

After reviewing the letters attached would you please be kind enough to offer your observations as NSW Minister for Health but also, as importantly, as NSW Minister for Medical Research.

I would particularly ask that you indicate clearly as to whether you support the thrust of Ms Roxon's stance.

With the greatest of respect, my journey is taking considerably longer than should be necessary due to the length of time that political and bureaucratic responses appear to require. You'll note that Ms Roxon's reply, such as it is, took nearly ten months to formulate.

I would be grateful if you would expedite your reply.

Yours sincerely,