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Queensland Health

The Chief Executive Officer

GPO Box 48 Brisbane, Queensland 4001

RE: MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE CASE. 20TH JANUARY 2000

LOCATION: LOGAN HOSPITAL – TRANSFERRED TO THE MATER HOSPITAL 22.1.00

INCIDENT: ACCIDENTAL PLACEMENT OF 400mls 3% GASTROGRAFFIN INTO LEFT LOWER LOBE OF LUNG WHILST SUFFERING PRE-EXISTING PANCREATITIS.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12th September 2012.

Unfortunately I do not accept that all of my issues have been addressed.

- 1) You have “*noted*” my dissatisfaction regarding the thoroughness of the investigation yet have no comments on the facts mentioned in my previous letter.
“Two reports obtained by your medical “experts” were based on the Logan Hospital records alone - without having obtained the Mater Hospital records.

How is it possible for these “experts” to give an accurate medical opinion without having all of the relevant records?

- 2) I accept your comment that I do not have to be notified when Queensland Health closed my file because I did not pursue it.
- 3) I accept that the amount of \$1.2M was probably a typographical error. The 2.1 M was an estimation of my financial losses and pain& suffering. I never asked for this amount and was willing to settle for \$300K, which considering what I have been through, I feel is very reasonable.

You chose to ignore the most important question, which was:

“Before I take this to the media I would like you to clarify that Queensland Health are not prepared to offer me **anything** for the mistake that they made. Even after reading the above comments from experts and investigating the effects of gastrograffin instillation into the lung”.

I am not an un-reasonable man, but I am not prepared to just let this go. I do not want to fight this through lawyers, as this will cost me and the Australian taxpayers a great deal of money.

One of your staff administered 3% gastrograffin into my left lung whilst I was suffering acute pancreatitis. This produced severe hypoxia which in turn led to necrotising pancreatitis and multiple organ failure. The position of this tube should have been checked, and it wasn't.

There is a wealth of information on how dangerous gastrograffin is when administered into the lung.

I was a healthy person, a non-smoker and non- drinker. I now have a ugly distended abdomen, have no pancreas , rely on insulin & tablets & have lung issues.

It has been over 12 years since this happened and I just want to put all of this behind me.

I am asking you if Queensland Health are prepared to offer my any financial compensation for my pain & suffering and loss of income?

I await your response

Yours faithfully

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Dear Mr Lindsay

Thank you for your letter dated 20 September 2012, regarding your further claim against Logan Hospital.

I refer to your request to clarify whether Queensland Health is prepared to offer you anything with regards to your claim for compensation against Logan Hospital. As my predecessor, Mr Michael Reid, former Director-General, Queensland Health, advised you on 8 April 2011, your request for compensation cannot be accepted. I also refer to the letter addressed to you dated 24 October 2011, from Ms Sue Hefferan, Legal Counsel, Executive Services, Logan Hospital, which confirmed the Department's position on this request.

Should you require further information, Queensland Health's contact is Ms Hefferan on telephone 3299 8380.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Tony O'Connell
Director-General**