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The Hon Paul Green MLC
Chair
Legislative Council Select Committee on
off-protocol prescribing of chemotherapy in NSW

Attention Merrin Thompson
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Dear Mr Green

**Clarification of matters raised in the Select Committee's hearing on Wednesday
2 November 2016**

Telehealth arrangements between March 2012 and March 2013

Ms Ruth Jones gave evidence to the Select Committee on 2 November 2016 (at pages 8–10 of the transcript) that there were a variety of arrangements in place between the resignation of Dr Grygiel in 2012 and the commencement of new medical oncologists in Orange in 2013. She advised that for new patients at Bathurst, telehealth was provided from the Liverpool Cancer Care Centre and new patients at Orange were travelling to Nepean. There was also a fly-in fly-out medical oncologist who travelled to the Local Health District to see patients who were not well enough to travel. Dr Grygiel saw no new patients; he saw follow-up patients at Orange and Bathurst through telehealth arrangements from Sydney. At no time did the Inquiry state that Dr Grygiel did this from Nepean. I refer the Select Committee to paragraph 12 of the Inquiry's Report on patients treated at Western NSW Local Health District.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "David Currow", written over a circular stamp.

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