

Submission

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INQUIRY INTO THE ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

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Reverend The Honourable Fred Nile
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Macquarie Street
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Dear Reverend,

RE: ENQUIRY INTO ACTIVITIES AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

I have been informed that you are Chairing the above mentioned Enquiry and seek leave to make a presentation for submission to this Enquiry.

My concern relates to the practice of placing male and females next to each other in adjoining beds in general hospital wards. It goes without saying that this is a dehumanising practice which has serious adverse effects on the psyche of patients, their medical care and has unfortunately flow-on effect to professional staff charged with the care of such patients. The Area Health service has been completely supportive of this practice and has continued it in spite of numerous representations being made to them by patients, relative and professional staff.

I look forward to hearing from you in relationship to this serious matter.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL KENNEDY

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