

**Submission  
No 14**

**INQUIRY INTO OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF  
CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW**

**Name:** Mr Michael Douglas

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**Attention**

**The Hon Paul Green MLC**

**Chairman – Legislative Council Select Committee on off-protocol  
prescribing of chemotherapy in NSW.**

Dear Sir,

I enclose the attached for submission in respect to the above committee. I assume, the attached will be circularised to each and every member of your committee for their information and consideration.

Regards,

**Michael Douglas.**

5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

*Michael Douglas*

To the Members of the Upper House Committee -  
Off protocol prescribing of chemotherapy in NSW.

5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

I write to support Dr Phadke as he appears before your committee.

My knowledge of Dr Phadke goes back to 1993, when I served as a Senior Policy Advisor to the then Minister for Health in NSW. At that time Dr Phadke was on staff at both St George and Sutherland Hospital.

Dr Phadke stood out from his peers as a man who was prepared to go the extra mile to increase the provision of care to not only his patients, but also to the broader community. He was never just a salary man. Dr Phadke marked himself as a man prepared to think outside the square to increase the quality of service and support for all patients across the Southern Sydney area.

Dr Phadke's energy and enthusiasm were not always appreciated by the health establishment.

It is my observation that politics is played hard within NSW Health and the Regional Boards. A demonstration of initiative could quickly place an enterprising individual at odds with the health establishment.

I list hereunder organisations that have benefited greatly from Dr Phadke's knowledge and enthusiasm;

- a. Bezzina House know as the Cancer Care Lodge. I am aware that Dr Phadke was on the board of Bezzina House in 1993 and served for a period as a member of that board.

- b. A member of the board of the Prostrate Council Institute Board at St George Hospital.
- c. I have personal knowledge of Dr Phadke's fundraising activities over a very long period of time on behalf of the Sutherland Hospital Oncology Unit.
- d. To my observation Dr Phadke has worked tirelessly to build up facilities for high quality patient care across the region.

Within the close knit community of the Sutherland Shire, Dr Phadke enjoys a reputation as a respected clinician and a valued member of our community who engages easily across all levels of society.

Submitted for your information and consideration.

Michael Douglas