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

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Sister Vianney Hatton

The Director,
Select Committee on Off-protocol Prescribing of Chemotherapy in NSW,
Parliament House,
Macquarie Street,
Sydney NSW 2000

7th October, 2016

Dear Sir,

Dr Kiran Phadke has been my oncologist since I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in October, 2013. I am now a woman of 81 years who is in remission from this cancer.

On my first visit to Dr Phadke I presented him with a list of 16 questions. Dr Phadke took time to patiently answer my queries and to reassure me that treatment was available to help me toward healing. He spoke with admiration for the nurses and medical personnel at both Sutherland and St George Hospitals. I came away from this appointment free of fear and filled with confidence that my condition could be managed well and that healing was to be anticipated with complete assurance. Throughout 11 cycles of chemotherapy and several sessions of radiotherapy I was monitored by Dr Phadke and his team and supported by him and them in a competent and professional manner.

I have a background in the health industry (as a physiotherapist) and I have great respect for nurses and their caring service, however, I am not convinced that a nurse can judge the treatment ordered by the experienced and widely applauded haematologist/oncologist. I expected that Dr Phadke would tailor the dosage of my treatment to my needs and my ability to tolerate the toxicity of the chemicals. This is what he did. Under his supervision I have come to a place of healing. I have continued to be monitored by Dr Phadke and I am greatly disappointed that he is not there to continue to guide my health and healing.

At all times Dr Phadke has been a kind, caring and approachable doctor. A man of great good humour and free of any ambition for worldly gain. I cannot believe that anyone would question his abilities and his competence.

I commend Dr Phadke to your Inquiry as a man of whom the AMA, New South Wales and Australia should be proud. May his name be cleared of any wrong-doing and his future applauded.

Yours sincerely,

Sister Vianney Hatton