

**Submission  
No 4**

**INQUIRY INTO COVID-19 CLASSIFICATION OF THE  
MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

**Name:** Mr Richard Walsh  
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**To** Portfolio Committee No.2 - Health  
**From** Richard Walsh  
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**Subject** **Inquiry into the COVID-19 classification of the Minister for Health**

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**Statement of Richard Walsh**

I, Richard Walsh, Branch Committee Member NSW at the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (**Guild**), state as follows:

- 1 This statement sets out my recollection of events at the National Party Dinner Function held at NSW Parliament House on 22 June 2021 (**Event**).
- 2 I attended the Event with my colleague, David Heffernan who is the President of the NSW Branch of Guild.
- 3 Shortly after arriving, I recall talking with the Hon Adam Marshall MP, then the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales.
- 4 I recall the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, the Minister for Health, arriving at the Event. I believe that he may have spoken to my colleague, David Heffernan. I do not recall speaking with Minister Hazzard or observing any interaction between Minister Hazzard and Minister Marshall.
- 5 I had no further contact with Minister Marshall or Minister Hazzard that evening. There were speeches from various political figures throughout the night.
- 6 Approximately two days after the Event, through a news broadcast, I became aware that Minister Marshall had contracted COVID-19. I then took advice and started to self-isolate. Shortly after this, I was informed by NSW Health that I had been classified as a close contact of Minister Marshall and was required to isolate for 14 days plus undertake PCR testing. I followed these directions.
- 7 I did not contract COVID-19 from the Event.

**Richard Walsh**

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