

## BARRETT ADOLESCENT CENTRE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

### FURTHER AFFIDAVIT OF LAWRENCE JAMES SPRINGBORG

I, **LAWRENCE JAMES SPRINGBORG**, of Parliament House, Brisbane, Member for Southern Downs in the 55<sup>th</sup> Parliament of Queensland, make oath and say as follows:

- 1 I have previously provided two statements, made on 27 January 2016 (**First Statement**) and 10 March 2016 (**Second Statement**), to the Barrett Adolescent Commission of Inquiry. I also provided oral evidence to the Inquiry, on Friday 26 February 2016.
- 2 Exhibited hereto and marked **LJS-15** is a further notice to provide a written statement, dated 10 May 2016, issued to me by the Commission (**Notice**). In this statement, I provide answers to the questions raised by the Notice.

**Question 1: As to the meeting on 15 July 2013 between Dr Corbett, Ms Dwyer and Mr Springborg, what is Mr Springborg's recollection of what was discussed and/or agreed at that meeting?**

- 3 I have some recollection of this meeting. During this meeting, I discussed with Dr Corbett and Ms Dwyer the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre (**BAC**). To the best of my recollection, I believe that we discussed that the West Moreton Board had received the ECRG report, and that the West Moreton Board agreed with the closure of the BAC. I believe I conveyed to Dr Corbett and Ms Dwyer my view that if BAC was to be closed, then adequate replacement services had to be in place from that time onward. I believe that Dr Corbett and

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**Affidavit of Lawrence James Springborg**

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Ms Dwyer agreed with that view. I believe I was told that West Moreton HHS was working on a plan to appropriately transition all BAC patients to alternative care.

**Question 2: At that meeting, were you told (and if so, by whom) that it was proposed that the Barrett Adolescent Centre would close in December 2013 in alignment with the opening of a Y-PARC, or words to that effect?**

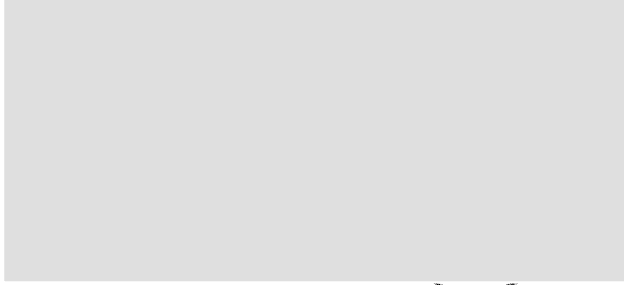
4 I do not specifically recall being told in the July 2013 meeting either that it was proposed to close the Barrett Centre in December 2013, or that such closure would be aligned with the opening of a Y-PARC.

5 In the course of preparing to give evidence I have been shown a Briefing Note to the Director-General dated 12 July 2013 (annexed to my First Statement at LJS.900.001.0001 at .0045), which states in paragraph [6] as follows:

*"The Department of Health is urgently progressing planning for Youth Prevention and Recovery Care (Y-PARC) services to be established in Queensland in January 2014. This service type would provide an alternative care option for the adolescent target group currently accessing BAC."*

6 I do not recall whether that advice was provided to me in the meeting of 15 July 2013. There is also no reference to this information in the transcript of my radio interview of 6 August 2013. I have no specific recollection of the Department progressing planning for the Y-PARC at that time.

Sworn by the abovenamed deponent at Brisbane in Queensland this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016:



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**BARRETT ADOLESCENT CENTRE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

*Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950*  
*Section 5(1)(d)*

**REQUIREMENT TO GIVE INFORMATION IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT**

To: Mr Lawrence Springborg

Of: Mr Guy Humble, Partner, McCullough Robertson Lawyers

I, the Honourable MARGARET WILSON QC, Commissioner, appointed pursuant to *Commissions of Inquiry Order (No. 4) 2015* to inquire into certain matters pertaining to the Barrett Adolescent Centre ("the Commission") require you to give a written statement to the Commission pursuant to section 5(1)(d) of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950* in regard to your knowledge of the matters set out in the Schedule annexed hereto.


**YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT BY:**

Giving a written statement prepared either in affidavit form or verified as a statutory declaration under the *Oaths Act 1867* to the Commission on or before **4:00pm Monday 16 May 2016**, by delivering it to the Commission at Level 10, 179 North Quay, Brisbane.

A copy of the written statement must also be provided electronically either by: email at [mail@barrettinquiry.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@barrettinquiry.qld.gov.au) (in the subject line please include "Requirement for Written Statement"); or via the Commission's website at [www.barrettinquiry.qld.gov.au](http://www.barrettinquiry.qld.gov.au) (confidential information should be provided via the Commission's secure website).

If you believe that you have a reasonable excuse for not complying with this notice, for the purposes of section 5(2)(b) of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950* you will need to provide evidence to the Commission in that regard by the due date specified above.

DATED this 10th day of May 2016

  
 The Hon Margaret Wilson QC  
 Commissioner  
 Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry



**SCHEDULE**

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