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**RE: BARRETT ASSESSMENT**

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**To:** David Crompton [REDACTED] Mark Beckett [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "CAMPLING, Mark" [REDACTED] "EDWARDS, Peter" [REDACTED] "WALTON, Patrea" [REDACTED] Richard Ashby [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] MD05-MetroSouthHSD [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thu, 11 Sep 2014 11:52:27 +1000

Dear Professor,

Thank you for your ongoing assistance and collaborative response regarding this matter.

Regards

Brett

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**Subject:** RE: BARRETT ASSESSMENT  
**Importance:** High

Dear Brett

The plan is that I will chair a meeting of clinical services that have consumers/clients/patients involved with Barrett School.

This meeting will address the need to have treatment plans that are signed off by HHSs, School, Department of Education, Training and Employment senior staff, families and the young people.

My meeting with HHS staff is organised.

Regards

David

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**From:** HEATH, Brett  
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**To:** Mark Beckett; David Crompton  
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**Subject:** BARRETT ASSESSMENT

Dear all,

The Ethical Standards Unit has completed its assessment of the information provided by QH concerning DETE staff conduct at the Barrett School. The assessment of that material, and of all the circumstances of what is a quite complex situation, reveals no instances of staff misconduct or corrupt conduct. Rather, the actions of DETE staff appear motivated by attempting to provide support and protection to a [REDACTED] who is undergoing a particularly difficult period which has placed staff in somewhat extraordinary situations. As a result of this assessment, the Department will take no action from a disciplinary investigation process.

There are; however, outstanding issues with respect to how the staff at the school are managing the complex situation with the [REDACTED] particularly concerning the role the staff at the school are undertaking concerning emotional support to the [REDACTED] and how that interfaces with the QH plan. I understand that DETE and QH have met with staff at the Barrett School as recently as yesterday to discuss the overall needs of [REDACTED]

To ensure; however, the specific needs of the particular [REDACTED] are being met; to clearly understand the management plan for this [REDACTED] and as well as some strategies to adopt when facing such dilemmas/situations, if not already undertaken, I suggest Mark consider further liaison with Professor Crompton with a view to perhaps meeting with the Principal of the Barrett School to discuss the [REDACTED] specifically.

I understand from a previous conversation that QH will manage any necessary responsibilities to the Case manager under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010*.

Regards

Brett

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