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Dear Mr Roberts

In the matter of the death of Trevor McDONALD

We refer to your letter of 12 October 2012 requesting Peninsula Health's response to a recommendation made in the findings delivered by Her Honour in the matter of Mr Trevor McDonald.

Relevant Recommendation

That Peninsula Health ensure that the Director of the Frankston Hospital PCI Unit is an experienced interventional cardiologist who is cross accredited to at least one tertiary cardiothoracic unit performing interventional cardiology and practices interventional cardiology in the Frankston Hospital PCI Unit

Peninsula Health response

Pursuant to the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic), Peninsula Health responds as follows:
Peninsula Health agrees with the recommendation.

Peninsula Health notes that the Director of the PCI Unit is referred to at Peninsula Health as the Director, Interventional Cardiology. The Director, Interventional Cardiology, reports to the Director, Cardiology. The Director, Cardiology, is accredited at both Peninsula Health and Alfred Health.

There is no established Victorian process for cross accreditation. It essentially requires accreditation at another (tertiary) centre. Accordingly, Peninsula Health has undertaken substantial effort to achieve cross accreditation for the Director, Interventional Cardiology, including:

- Correspondence from Peninsula Health Director of Cardiology with Alfred Health, with further meetings scheduled;
- Correspondence at CEO, Executive Director and Director level with Southern Health; and
- Correspondence at Director Level with St Vincent's Hospital.

Peninsula Health's efforts will continue in order to achieve cross accreditation, pursuant to the recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

David Goldberg
General Counsel

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