

23rd July 2014

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Sir

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide this submission regarding the medical report into the death of my wife, Janice May Saulys, written and publicly released by the Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health.

It is my concern that the content of the Chief Medical Officer's report is inaccurate and differs vastly from what is on record in the hospital notes, independent report, doctor's letters, witnesses and other related documentation, drawing flawed conclusions on the impact of the treatment of my wife.

It should be noted that as my wife's carer, I was directly involved in the management, treatment, services and care that were claimed to have been provided and/or not provided to my wife by the Northam Hospital from 19/6/2012 to 28/6/2012.

While the Chief Medical Officer claims to have interviewed me and my daughter at 0930 hours on 30 January, he appeared to have attended under sufferance and showed absolutely no interest in what we had to say or what we had to show him.

A copy of the report was given to us to view well before the release. Given our concerns and dissatisfaction with the content, we contacted the Chief Medical Officer on numerous occasions and also requested a meeting to have the report amended and corrected ahead of its release.

He responded with ***"I will only meet with you if you accept that the review is finalised and cannot be changed. Unless I have that assurance, I doubt there is any point in meeting."***

I also wrote to the Premier on 1 August 2013 requesting the report be withdrawn from public circulation given the inaccuracies. This was not successful.

The matter has not been referred to the Ombudsman.

My family and I only seek closure on these matters. We seek no special treatment or favours, only a fair go and the truth, particularly in such a serious matter relating to the loss of our loved one.

I urge the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs to review the matters outlined in the petition and this letter so that the inaccuracies in the Chief Medical Officer's report can be corrected.

I would welcome the opportunity to sit with the Committee to provide documented evidence as to what occurred at the Northam Hospital from 19/6/2012 to 28/6/2012 resulting in the death of my wife.

I thank you and the Committee in anticipation and await your reply.

Yours sincerely

Eddy Saulys