

## Follow up- Youth Oncology at Princess Alexandra Hospital

To the Queensland Health Minister, Mr Tim Nicholls;

I am writing to you in regard to my previous letter/email about the future Young Adults Oncology ward at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, as I am yet to have received any formal correspondence from your ministerial office actioning this concern. In the **month** that I have been patient, I have heard back from the patient liaison at the PA hospital in regard to this letter, as they had received it through as a form of complaint. This was not my intention. I am purely writing to bring this issue to your attention, Mr Nicholls, so that we, as young cancer warriors, are not overlooked again by members of the Queensland Liberal Party's government patriarchy.

I am aware of all the ins and outs of the oncology unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital after having spent countless months - yet years, inside those four walls. And after 2 years, there is still no improvement. So, I am standing up and I am saying that enough is enough. How many more years can young adults be pushed to the side, told to fit in and to move out of the way for everyone else before we finally get the space for our own health and wellbeing? I am sick of coming back to this toxic, degrading and exhausting environment to find that no progress has been made for young people, even though our numbers are growing astronomically annually!

You and I have both heard the importance of supporting Youth Cancer while at the Sony Foundations 2025 Brissy4Ward event just this past year. We both sat in the same room, ate the same food, listened to the same music, heard the same moving speeches, watched the same specially constructed videos and both saw the jaw-dropping amount of donations made to this foundation in support of Queensland Youth Cancer. I sat at a table of likeminded individuals who watched you up on stage, supporting the amazing cause that Sony Foundation have created through 'You Can Stay' and the construction of 'You Can' centres at major hospitals. I watched on, hoping that the funding from these generous donors would become a pathway for the future of Youth Oncology at the Princess Alexandra as well... And I'm sure it still can!

As a recipient of Sony Foundations generosity, as well as so many other organisations that back this wonderful foundation, I believe we should use their alliance as a solution to the issues for young adults oncology at the Princess Alexandra. All we need now is the green light from your offices and the Liberal Government to proceed with these incredible, exciting and motivating plans.

So, lets work together Mr minister, with our mutual donors by our side and make an enormous step forward and a huge difference for young Queenslanders battling cancer! Together, I am sure WE CAN construct a safe environment for adolescents and young adults seeking treatment at this major hospital in Queensland. WE CAN ensure Young Adults have their rights given back to them. WE CAN support adolescents battling cancer and watch them grow. WE CAN bring so much more to the table for these patients and their long-term survivorship bringing a great return for Queensland for years to come.

Lets get started on this long-term plan Mr Minister. Bring all the likeminded supporters into the same meeting room and let's discuss what YOU CAN do for young Queenslanders battling cancer in our major city.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience,

Kind Regards,

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