

The Hon Ryan Park MP
Minister for Health
Minister for Regional Health
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Assoc Professor Winston Cheung
Chair, Medical Staff Council
Concord Repatriation General Hospital
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Concord Repatriation General Hospital

Dear Assoc Prof Cheung

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Thank you for writing on behalf of the Medical Staff Council of Concord Repatriation General Hospital and your offer of a meeting with a delegation of clinical staff from the hospital.

I acknowledge your concerns and appreciate your advocacy on this matter.

The Ministry of Health is keeping me informed about the steps being taken to rapidly engage an external assessment of the issues that have been raised about Concord Hospital.

I am confident that the approach being proposed will occur in a timely manner. It will begin with an assessment of a range of stakeholders, including yourself, relating to the culture at Concord Hospital. I encourage you, when approached, to actively engage as part of this external assessment.

This assessment will identify themes and issues, areas for improvement, and potential underlying drivers of workplace culture with a purpose of designing a secondary process to support the resolution of findings in the report.

As you identified in your letter to me, the Board Chair wrote to you on 4 July 2023, offering a meeting on 19 July 2023, to meet you and the Executive of the Medical Staff Council along with 2 members of the Board and Phil Minns, Deputy Secretary, People, Culture and Governance, Ministry of Health. The meeting is to discuss your concerns and the proposed review. I am advised this meeting has been rescheduled to 27 July 2023 at 4pm in the Executive Boardroom at Concord Hospital to accommodate your request to change the date.

As you are meeting with the Board Chair, members of the Board and the Deputy Secretary, and noting the external assessment is about to start, I would encourage you to use these mechanisms to advise of the issues you wish to raise.

Thank you again for writing. For more information, please contact Paul De Carlo, Director, Office of the Deputy Secretary, People, Culture and Governance, at paul.decarlo@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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