



Open Letter to Dr Jayant M. Patel

Dr Patel,

I believe you owe it to your patients to return to Queensland as soon as possible to explain your actions in relation to the treatment received by patients at the Bundaberg Base Hospital.

If you maintain, as members of your family have reportedly stated, that you are an excellent doctor who provided quality care to your patients, you also owe it to yourself to come forward and defend your actions.

On April 26, 2005, I announced a Royal Commission of Inquiry under the leadership of Anthony Morris QC to investigate a range of issues and allegations. The terms of reference for that inquiry are available on www.healthreview.com.au

On behalf of the Queenslanders who allege that you have harmed them or their loved ones, I ask you to come forward immediately in person, or through your legal representatives, to begin addressing the serious issues that are under investigation by the Morris Inquiry.

**PETER BEATTIE MP
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE**