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To The Premier,
Mr Jay Weatherill.

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Dear Mr. Weatherill,

I wish to express my opinion re your recent decision to abolish all boards, committees, etc..

As a member of the Hills Area Health Advisory Council since its inception, and previously a member of the Mt Barker DSM Hospital Board I have seen many community members with a variety of skills come through these committees all adding invaluable expertise to decisions to be made and discussed at that time.

The Hills Area Health Advisory Council represents Mt Pleasant, Gumeracha, Strathalbyn and Mt Barker Hospitals. Our monthly meetings are conducted on a rotational system giving members and staff a chance to have an interest in each of the hospitals at first hand. I can confidently say our HAHAC meetings are conducted in an open and efficient and businesslike manner between community members and hospital staff representation.

At the recent opening of both the Chemotherapy Unit and Maternity additions at the Mt Barker DSM Hospital the community members from the Advisory Council representing Mt Pleasant, Gumeracha and Strathalbyn Hospitals were in attendance and that is always the case when invitations are extended to each member – we work as a united committee always very mindful that we are representing our local hospital. At community events such as local Agricultural Shows, etc we give support to the local Health Service if they are to have say a “healthy eating display” or whatever. Strathalbyn has a very strong Mental Health programme and the HAHAC support them fully – a report from this committee is read out at each of our meetings.

Community members are volunteers all giving of their time for no cost at all to the government so “moneywise” we are not a burden to the government – we are group of people with various skills from all walks of life wanting to do their best to represent those who have elected us to these Advisory Councils.

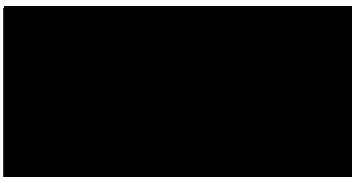
I can not speak for Advisory Councils in other parts of South Australia but I feel that they will be a great loss to their local communities

I ask of you Mr Weatherill to reconsider your position on the abolishment of these boards and committees.

Yours sincerely,

Raylene Magor.

Mrs Raylene Magor



11th August 2014

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Hon Jay Weatherill MP
Premier of South Australia

Mrs Raylene Magor



Dear Mrs Magor

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2014 to the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, about the Boards and Committees Reform.

Your letter has been sent to the Minister for Health, the Hon Jack Snelling MP, as he has been asked to provide advice to Cabinet on the future of your board or committee.

Should you have any queries about your letter, please contact the Minister's office on telephone 8463 6270.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to read "Jay Weatherill", enclosed within a circular flourish.

**Premier's Correspondence Unit
Office of the Premier**

12 August 2014

cc: Office of the Hon Jack Snelling MP, Minister for Health