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*Dear Premier*

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the reform of Government Boards and Committees.

As Chair of the End-of-Life Advisory Committee appointed by the Minister of Health, I fully understand and commend your proposal to eliminate unnecessary Boards and Committees.

The Advisory Committee which I Chair was appointed by the Hon. Jack Snelling MP, Minister of Health, to advise him on the implementation of the recently adopted Advance Directives Act 2013. This complex legislation requires significant consultation with the community, health consumer groups, health professionals and the health industry including hospitals and nursing homes.

When the Advisory Committee was established by the Minister, we agreed that the Committee would have a sunset clause included in its terms of reference and the Committee will self-terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2014 unless extended by the Minister.

The Committee is also mindful of the commitment made by the Government at the last election that:

*"...Labor will establish an Acute and Aged Care Taskforce to develop a State-wide approach to dignity in care and prevent unnecessary and unwanted transfers to hospital."*

In this context, the Committee is working to recommend to the Minister of Health a mechanism whereby the above commitment can be implemented while continuing to co-ordinate the implementation of the Advance Directives Act 2013 and related activities.

I commend for your consideration that:

1. the existing Ministerial End-of-Life Advisory Committee continue until it expires in accordance with its Terms of Reference on 1 December 2014 or such later date as is approved by the Minister of Health and,
2. the Committee recommend to the Minister of Health a proposal for consideration to implement the election commitment to establish an Acute and Aged Care Taskforce to develop a State-wide approach to dignity in care and prevent unnecessary and unwanted transfers to hospital.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

End-of-Life Ministerial Advisory Committee

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Dear Mr Evans

Thank you for your letter of 19 August 2014 to the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, about the End-of-Life Advisory Committee.

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 cursive script, appearing to read 'Jack Snelling'.

**Premier's Correspondence Unit  
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20 August 2014

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