



**The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC**  
Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health  
and Western NSW

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Dear

Thank you for your further correspondence concerning peritonectomy surgery.

As previously advised, a retrospective review of the St George Peritonectomy Service was commissioned by the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District Peritonectomy Audit Committee in December 2014. The review was undertaken by the Australian Safety and Efficacy Register of New Interventional Procedures - Surgical (ASERNIP-S) and a sample of 70 patients were reviewed.

The major recommendation of the interim report was to suspend further review as the audit team believed a prospective review of every patient would be more productive. The South Eastern Sydney Local Health District agreed with that recommendation.

In order to determine the appropriate way forward, the NSW Ministry of Health commissioned a review to ensure sustainability of Peritonectomy Services in NSW. The review has been concluded and the report, *Planning for NSW Peritonectomy Services* has been developed.

This report has been provided to the Project Sponsorship Group - the Peritonectomy Review Steering Committee, which includes senior executive officers of NSW Health and the Cancer Institute NSW. Additionally, the report has been tabled at the Surgical Services Taskforce for review and consideration and provided to the local health districts and specialty health networks. The recommendations of the report have been reviewed and NSW Health has provided a response to the recommendations to the respective key stakeholders.

I understand that Ms | , Principal Policy Advisor – Surgery, NSW Ministry of Health, has been in contact with you to discuss providing you with the report and response documents and will follow this action up with you directly to ensure you receive a copy of this documentation.

Regarding your request for an update on progress made on the provision of information to patients, as previously advised, work is underway among clinicians around Australia who provide peritonectomy surgery. The intention is to develop a national consensus on the information to be provided to people who have been diagnosed with a cancer for which peritonectomy surgery is indicated.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms |

Yours sincerely