



## The Hon Jillian Skinner MP

Minister for Health

Minister for Medical Research

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Dear

Thank you for your correspondence regarding peritonectomy surgery.

The Government is committed to the provision of appropriate, efficient and sustainable care for patients requiring peritonectomy surgery. It was deemed appropriate to undertake a dedicated project to plan for future service delivery of peritonectomy within NSW.

A Request for Quotation was issued in early February 2015 to progress this work. Following review of responses by a Committee comprising representatives of the Ministry and South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, an appropriate applicant has been selected. The outcome of this process is to provide advice regarding future service delivery of the service.

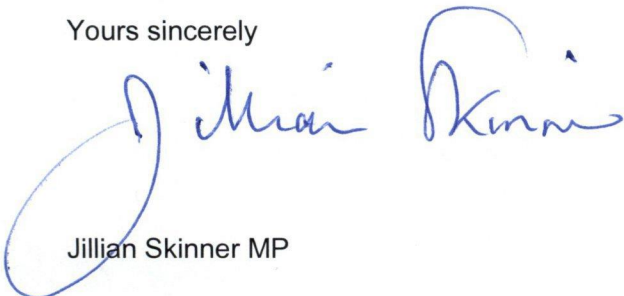
There is an established Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team which reviews all referrals to the Peritonectomy Service at St George Hospital. The Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team considers all appropriately referred interstate patients as part of the clinical assessment and patient selection process.

Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Queensland have, or are, developing peritonectomy services. I am sure you would agree that access to services close to their homes and family supports will be a significant benefit to these patients and provide them, and their treating doctors, choices as to where they can receive the service. In addition, NSW has received support from the other jurisdictions to work collaboratively on patient selection criteria as part of equitable access across Australia.

The approval of Nationally Funded Centres is a decision made by the Commonwealth Government.

Thank you again for bringing this matter my attention. If you require further information, Please contact Mr Ken Whelan, Deputy Secretary, System Purchasing and Performance, NSW Ministry of Health, on 9391 9446.

Yours sincerely



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