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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to bring to your attention of a new group that has formed in Queensland which is the Mental Health Action Reform Group (Mharg).

Mharg focuses on related Mental Health Legislation, policies and compliance by Mental Health clinical services regarding these laws and policies. We also advise about the human impact and problems that consumers undergo regarding the current Mental Health system. Please see our brochure for more details about these matters.

It is evident that there are many laws and policies to protect mental health consumers from degrading and unequal treatment; however these laws are not being complied with by the mental health system. It is highly important that you read through the attached letter that has been sent to the Directors of the hospitals as the attached letter outlines the lack of compliance by the Mental Health hospitals with the Mental Health Act. This submission falls under (j) being any other related matters.

The position that you hold in Government verifies your responsibility to act accordingly with legislation and bring the Mental Health hospitals into compliance with the legislation.

If your Department requires any further details please don’t hesitate to phone us, our contact details are contained in our brochure.

Yours Sincerely

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