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Subject: Correspondence re private obstetrician admitting rights to RBWH

Dear Adj Prof Hanson and Dr Rushbrook

We write in relation to our correspondence to you of 18 October 2022. AMA Queensland remains concerned about the safety of preterm private patients who must be admitted to either the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) or Mater Hospitals as the only two Brisbane facilities with neonatal intensive care units.

As per our previous letter, we request a meeting with you to discuss Metro North's review of the pausing of licensed private practice arrangements for obstetricians at RBWH. The referral of private patients to a public doctor as a result of this pause is not in patients' best interests and increases the burden on the public hospital system.

We would be grateful if you can advise of your availability for a meeting to discuss our concerns in early 2023.

Yours sincerely

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