

2 April 2025

Dr Heidi Carroll
Chief Health Officer
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By email: [REDACTED]

Subject: Hospital ventilation systems for infection control

Dear Dr Carroll

AMA Queensland has been raising member concerns about inadequate hospital infection controls in Queensland Health facilities for some time.

In November 2023, we wrote to the former CHO urging implementation of key measures, particularly to reduce the spread of airborne disease. We again wrote to the former CHO in January and April 2024, urging Queensland Health to adopt readily available ventilation systems for that purpose. That correspondence also included links to research that supported those actions ([please refer here](#) for relevant materials).

Our members have again raised concerns that these important infection controls remain outstanding. They also advise that critical infrastructure due to be constructed in accordance with recommendations from reviews of Queensland's pandemic response have been shelved due to the imposition of capital expenditure limits by HHSs and/or government.

Given this remains an ongoing issue for many of our members, we would like to discuss this in more detail with you at our upcoming meeting on Monday 7 April. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact Erin O'Donnell, General Manager – Policy, on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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