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PRIME MINISTER

Reference: C14/43882

19 JUN 2014

The Hon Jay Weatherill MP
Premier of South Australia
GPO Box 2343
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Premier Jay

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Furthermore, despite tight budget conditions the Commonwealth is increasing funding for South Australian hospitals by 7.1 per cent, 8.5 per cent, 8.3 per cent and 6.4 per cent over the next four years, s22

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Hon Jay Weatherill MP
Premier of South Australia

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister Tony

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All the First Ministers s22 agreed that the cuts to funding for States and Territories, and the manner in which they have been imposed, will cause immediate and significant impacts on the hospital system and s22

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s22 For example, from 1 July 2014, there will be a reduction in funding for 1200 hospital beds across Australia s22

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For South Australia, from 1 July 2014 there will be:

- a reduction in funding under the National Health Reform Agreement, as well as the termination or non renewal of National Partnership Agreements on Preventative Health, Financial Assistance for Long Stay Older Patients and the non renewal of funding for sub acute beds under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services. These cuts, which commence from 1 July 2014, result in a funding reduction for the next financial year that is equivalent to 150 hospital beds; and

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- s22 [redacted]

At the end of the forward estimates, in 2017/18, South Australia will be $275 million worse off from the cuts to health funding in that year alone. That is the equivalent of closing nearly 600 hospital beds, the current size of the Flinders Medical Centre.

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Yours sincerely

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PRIME MINISTER

31 OCT 2014

Reference: C14/82831

The Hon Jay Weatherill MP
Premier of South Australia
GPO Box 2343
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Premier

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s22 Annual funding for South Australian hospitals will increase by $333 million or 34 per cent by 2017-18 s22

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The Hon Tony Abbott MP
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Dear Prime Minister

I am writing in relation to the impact of your Government's Budget cuts to hospitals, s22

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Yours sincerely

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Jay Weatherill
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Cc: First Ministers

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Reference: C14/53772

28 JUL 2014

The Hon Will Hodgman MP
Premier of Tasmania
GPO Box 123
HOBART TAS 7001

Dear Premier Will

Thank you for your letter dated 26 June 2014 regarding National Health Reform funding in Tasmania.

It was valuable discussing this issue with you on 27 June 2014.

The Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, will be in contact with the Tasmanian Health Minister, the Hon Michael Ferguson MP, soon to continue the discussions.

Thank you for your cooperation to date and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

This letter has been copied to the Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP.

Yours sincerely

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26 JUN 2014

The Honourable Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister Tony,

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s22 Furthermore, once the changes to indexation for both health s22 funding are factored in, the impact to Queensland's budget grows rapidly, reaching a total of approximately s22

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When states signed up to the Intergovernmental Agreement back in 2008, the Commonwealth specifically acknowledged the fact that the National Agreements (for example, primary funding for health s22 represented base funding that needed to be on-going, and indexed at rates that would keep pace with growth in real costs. All parties acknowledged that NPAs were primarily vehicles for reform programs, and that these agreements would be time limited.

However, all parties also agreed that in those situations where NPA funding resulted in increased, and on-going service delivery, then a reasonable outcome would see the NPA funding being rolled into the base funding, and indexed appropriately year on year. It is now 2014, and to date, the Commonwealth has not agreed to roll a single NPA into base funding.

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Yours sincerely

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CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Premier of Western Australia

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear ~~Prime~~ Minister Tony,

s22 [redacted]

I understand the difficult circumstances surrounding this Budget and I share the view that many of the previous Commonwealth Government's policy settings in key State service areas, such as health s22 [redacted] were financially unsustainable over the longer term. I acknowledge also that this was the clear message you conveyed at the recent COAG meeting, with your expectation that the longer term arrangements would need to be further considered in that forum.

I would be keen to discuss with you how we can jointly manage the needed policy and funding changes in these areas into the future. s22 [redacted]
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There are also, however, a number of other Budget measures that I would also like to further discuss so that the impacts in Western Australia are understood and possible alternate arrangements considered. These include:

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- s22 [redacted]
- the early termination of National Partnership agreements for public hospitals, preventative health and training
- s22 [redacted]
- the possible implications for State hospitals of the introduction of a GP co-payment; and
- s22 [redacted]

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Yours sincerely

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Colin Barnett MLA
PREMIER
6 JUN 2014

PRIME MINISTER

TREASURER

13 May 2014

The Hon. Dr Denis Napthine MP
Premier of Victoria

The Hon. Michael O'Brien MP
Treasurer of Victoria

1 Treasury Place
MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Premier and Treasurer

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TREASURER

13 May 2014

The Hon. Mike Baird MP
Premier of New South Wales

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
Treasurer of New South Wales

The Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Premier and Treasurer

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Premier of Western Australia

The Hon. Dr Mike Nahan MLA
Treasurer of Western Australia

Governor Stirling Tower
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The Hon. Adam Giles MLA
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

The Hon. David Tollner MLA
Treasurer of Northern Territory

Parliament House
DARWIN NT 0800

Dear Chief Minister and Treasurer

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Ms Katy Gallagher MLA
Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory

Mr Andrew Barr MLA
Deputy Chief Minister and Treasurer of the
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ACT Legislative Assembly
London Circuit
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Chief Minister and Treasurer

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