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Office of the President

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Our ref: [BT/MC]

Dr Jeanette Young Chief Health Officer Queensland Health

By email:

Dear Dr Young

Access by legal practitioners to restricted facilities

We refer to your correspondence of 13 August 2021 (**enclosed**) in which you stated that should it be necessary to impose restrictions in the future, you would permit fully vaccinated legal practitioners to enter restricted facilities to provide legal services. However, we have not yet been contacted by Queensland Health about implementing this exemption.

As South-East Queensland has again entered further restrictions, we write to respectfully and urgently request that legal practitioners be provided an exemption to allow them entry to residential aged care facilities, disability accommodation and hospitals for the purpose of providing legal services.

We would be happy to liaise with Queensland Health as to how best to implement the exemption.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact our Legal Policy team via policy@qls.com.au or by phone on (07) 3842 5930.

Yours faithfully

Elizabeth Shearer

President

