

31 March 2020

Our ref: LP

Dr Jeanette Young
Chief Health Officer
Queensland Health

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Young

Chief Health Officer's public health directions – Hospital Visitors Direction

Queensland Law Society (**QLS**) is the peak professional body for the State's legal practitioners.

QLS has been made aware that the Hospital Visitors Direction published on 26 March 2020 has been interpreted by some hospitals as preventing solicitors from attending upon patients for purposes related to the completion of wills and/or enduring powers of attorney.

At this time, many Queenslanders will be seeking to ensure that their advance planning is in order and it is essential that solicitors are able to assist clients with these matters, subject to all necessary health precautions being taken.

In order to ensure that solicitors are consistently able to access their clients in Queensland hospitals, QLS requests that an exemption to the Hospital Visitors Direction be granted and published in respect of solicitors attending upon patients to make wills or enduring documents.

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

Luke Murphy
President