



Health and Disability Commissioner  
Te Toka Haona, Haatanga

22 February 2007

Bill Wilson QC  
Independent Reviewer  
c/- Dianne Salter  
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Dear Bill

I refer to Nicola Sladden's letter of 13 December 2006.

As Health and Disability Commissioner I am charged with the role of promoting and protecting the rights of health and disability services consumers as set out in the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights. Under section 14(1)(d) of the Health and Disability Commissioner Act 1994 one of my functions is to make public statements in relation to any matter affecting the rights of health or disability consumers.

While most of the terms of reference appear to relate to matters outside my jurisdiction such as funding of physiotherapy services I wish to express my support for the aim of ensuring that ACC claimants receive timely access to physiotherapy services of a high standard.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Paterson', written over a horizontal line.

Ron Paterson  
Health and Disability Commissioner